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FIRST PRINCETON GAME SEATS.

The WEEKLY has received through the courtesy of Mr. F. H. Brooke, Manager of the University Baseball Association, a considerable block of seats for the Yale-Princeton game at New Haven, June 3. These seats may be secured by subscribers by direct application to the WEEKLY. The price per seat, one dollar, must be accompanied by 12 cents to cover registration and the usual letter postage. Absolutely no application will be considered later than Friday, May 26. On that day the tickets will be apportioned by lots among the applicants and will be mailed Saturday, May 27. There are no seats under cover, the grand stand which was destroyed by fire last year having not yet been replaced.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Confidence is increasing that the Corporation will elect a successor to President Dwight in the near future. Many are found who say that it is an absolute certainty that the election will take place at the regular meeting at the end of this month, but there is, and can be, no official confirmation of such a prediction. If the members of the Corporation have their minds made up then, they will elect; otherwise they will not.

There is increasing confidence on the part of the alumni as to the probable action of the Corporation. They have come to know the members of the body better since this tremendous question came up. As to what the Corporation was in its personnel and its general character, there was a nebulous idea on the part of men otherwise well informed in regard to University affairs. One by one the different members of the governing board have come, in their capacity as Corporation members, directly or indirectly into relations with a large number of the alumni, and the latter have seen in them such an earnest desire in this matter to reach a conclusion which should commend itself to all of the workers and the friends of Yale as in line with the best future of Yale, that many men have substituted for criticism a very large measure of confidence in the outcome.

This is not the feeling of those who are wrapped up in the prospects of

some individual candidate as such, but of men who believe in a certain type of Yale President, such as has been expressed over and over again by alumni in these columns in the last few months, and who now feel thoroughly confident that the Corporation will turn every stone to realize that ideal, or to come as near as in the possibility of things they can come.

This is a great gain and those who have helped to bring about this understanding of good men by each other have done a service for Yale which augurs well for the new administration.

ATHLETICS.

One of the many phases of Yale life which should have in a sense a new handling under the new conditions of the next Yale era, is athletics. All the problems of Yale, when reduced to essential considerations, have common qualities. In the future of athletics, as in the future of Yale College, it is a question how the qualities of the old time can be conserved in the larger conditions of the new time. We have no longer patience with those who think they will conserve themselves.

We hope, with all our heart, that the next administration will take up athletics as a part of the education of this place and a most important part,—that it will see to it that the undergraduate shall get out of that education everything possible in the way of self-development by bearing of responsibility, and will also see to it that the undergraduate shall have just as good means to work with in new Yale as he had in old Yale.

We demand, for the future, an intelligent coöperation between undergraduates and alumni in the undertakings of Yale University in the field of inter-collegiate athletics. We demand also an understanding between the Faculty and the undergraduates which shall consist in something more than occasional penalties. We demand the means necessary to carry out these two conditions. If the future shall not show a sufficient courage to supply this means, then we will begin to think that the sand is leaking out of Yale.

THE DEFEATS.

The Track Team deserves congratulation. It was beaten, but it did so infinitely better than anybody expected it could do a few months ago, when affairs in this branch of athletics had reached such a woefully low ebb and conditions seemed so hopeless, that it has really exemplified some of the best qualities in Yale athletics in the records that it has ever made. The future is bright.

As to the debate—Yale was beaten, that was all. A good team was worsted by a good team. Thanks are none the less due the friends who worked so well with the debaters, and the debaters are none the less worthy of the Yale, for whom they strove.

THE HALE BENEFIT.

The offer of Mr. Goodwin to present Clyde Fitch's "Nathan Hale," in which he has made much such a conspicuous success the last season, next Fall as a benefit for the Nathan Hale statue, is a very graceful and generous act which is appreciated by the members and friends of the University. It ought to be the means of adding very materially to the funds for this purpose.

The Chess tournament entries close, Thursday, May 18.

Mr. Ripley's Candidacy.

The following letter has been sent out by Mr. Pettee, '87, to members of his class and others:

Phillips Academy, Geo. D. Pettee, Registrar.

Andover, Mass., May 5, 1899.

My dear Sir:

Mr. Alfred L. Ripley, of Andover, a graduate of Yale in the Class of '78, and now Vice-President of the Hide and Leather National Bank of Boston, is nominated for the vacancy on the Yale Corporation caused by the death of Edward G. Mason.

I shall vote for Mr. Ripley at the coming Commencement election and for many reasons take pleasure in endorsing his candidacy. Among them are these:

Mr. Ripley's previous connection with the Yale Faculty, as professor of German, gave him an intimate acquaintance with college life, college problems and college needs. His own large participation in college affairs as a student was thus supplemented by a most honorable record as instructor and professor. During his term of service he was highly esteemed by the college men who knew him. He was to his pupils a masterful teacher and a loyal friend, concerned for their largest welfare and interested in their entire college life.

His business record is well known in Boston, and his scholarly instincts and training have given a recognized value to his methods and to his counsel.

His residence in Andover gives him an intimate personal acquaintance with the Phillips Academy students. As Graduate Treasurer of the Athletic Committee his services and his advice are much prized by the Academy boys and by the school authorities. The graduates of the school, going to Yale in large numbers, find in Mr. Ripley a worthy type of the Yale idea, and his influence stimulates in our students a high regard for clean, honorable and manly athletics.

His personal character and exceptional qualifications make him a valued member of our own school community and indicate his peculiar fitness for membership in the Corporation of the University.

These items, expressing my personal estimate, are passed on, in the interests of Yale.

Very sincerely,
GEO. D. PETTEE,
Yale '87.

Concerning a Candidate.

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

As my class is not represented on the circular nominating Mr. Ripley for office, I would like to fill the gap informally with my own name. Belonging to the "narrowest of the sects" (See recent fulmination in the *Lit.*), a sect that has been busy planting colleges for more than two centuries, I do not object to the number of Congregational ministers in the Corporation. Nevertheless, I recognize the importance of having members who are experienced business men, and for this reason as well as for his peculiar fitness in other respects, and not because Mr. Ripley has been a valued friend for many years, I feel that the alumni would honor the University highly by electing him.

HENRY BALDWIN, '71.

An Artist's Opportunity.

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir:—The retirement of President Dwight has inspired many worthy suggestions and among them let me add one of my own. In the memories of the graduates of the College, I am sure, no College scene lies more longingly than the Senior Bow in the Chapel. There is no more beautiful and unique scene in all Yale and it is still a marvel to me that some artist has not reproduced it in an etching—of course worthy of the subject. We have had several fine sketches of Yale life in etching and they are worthy, but the scene offering the most poetry and ideality has remained "undiscovered." I think there is a gold mine for the first successful artist to produce such an etching. I am willing to subscribe for

one and I am sure many will say ditto to me. The venerable President can be taken too at a splendid moment in his career, a moment all will wish to have caught by a worthy genius who will perpetuate it and commemorate it. The suggestion comes late, but it is not yet too late. Let it be agitated to fruition.

'92.

Nat Goodwin's Offer.

Between the acts of "Nathan Hale," which was played at the Hyperion Theatre last Saturday night, Nat Goodwin, after responding to one of a number of encores for his fine work, said: "I was told to-day that in 1901 there will be erected just across the street from here, among the buildings where Nathan Hale studied and graduated in 1773, a statue of that great American patriot whom I am endeavoring to portray to-night. It is with great pleasure that I announce that I and my company hereby volunteer to come to New Haven some time next season and give a benefit performance of 'Nathan Hale' for the monument fund."

A large number of Yale men were in the theatre and they received the generous announcement with cheers.

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