

THE SOCIETY SYSTEM.

A Suggestion that Junior and Sophomore Societies Change Places.

OCTOBER 23, 1899.

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Dear Sir: On the question of changing the Yale Society System, I have a plan to suggest which is concrete, seems to me practical, and will make the system symmetrical, and one that will more certainly secure that "survival of the fittest" at which it aims.

I would have the Junior and Sophomore Societies change places, 'H. Bouly', H. Φ, and K. Ψ, becoming Junior Societies and Δ. K. E., Ψ. Υ., and A. Δ. Φ. becoming Sophomore Societies, or at least selecting their first quota of members from the Freshman class. This plan could be readily put in practice as follows:

Suppose this is to be done next Spring, in 1900. 'H. Bouly', H. Φ., and K. Ψ. would not select their quota as usual from 1903, the Freshman class, but the members from 1902, active members this year, would continue as active members next year also, making the societies at once Junior Societies, and then in the Spring of 1901 would select their usual quotas from 1903, then Sophomores.

On the other hand Δ. K. E., Ψ. Υ., and A. Δ. Φ. would next Spring not only elect their usual quotas from 1902, then Sophomores, but also an equal number from 1903, then Freshmen, and then in 1901, and thereafter would always elect their main quota from the Freshman class as the Sophomore Societies do now, electing also from time to time, as they do now, from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes such few men as may be deemed worthy of an election.

It seems to me that neither set of societies should object to this change. 'H. Bouly', H. Φ., and K. Ψ. should welcome it, as it would enhance their dignity and make them more truly, and to better purpose, what they really are, and under this plan would rightly be, the stepping-stones to Senior Societies.

Δ. K. E., Ψ. Υ., and A. Δ. Φ. should at least not object to the change. An election to these Societies would be much more appreciated than now, when the Sophomore Society man takes it as a matter of course, and others not as just what they would like to have had, but as what they can get. The Societies would gain much in the loyalty of their members, who in their first year of membership would have no divided allegiance, their influence in the College would be much greater and their members could get from them during the second year and perhaps later years of their course much more than they are offered now, just how much depending on the members themselves and what they might desire to make of their Society.

This plan will give a system that can readily be expanded now, or whenever the growth of the College may demand it.

Very truly yours,

JAMES ARCHBALD, JR., '87.

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Junior Prom Officers.

The election for the Junior Promenade Committee was held in Osborn Hall on November 3. On the preliminary ballot the following fifteen were nominated, H. S. Curtiss, receiving 86 votes; P. L. Mitchell, 85; J. A. Kippleman, 74; S. L. Coy, 59; Harold Chappell, 50; J. H. Wear, 50; D. S. Blossom, 48; L. M. Thomas, 45; R. L.

Atkinson, 44; A. F. Yaggy, 34; Julian Day, 25; H. H. Christian, 24; J. M. Patterson, 24; W. R. Hitt, 20; F. G. Brown, 19.

On the final ballot the following were elected: Paul Lincoln Mitchell, Chairman, Cincinnati, 103; Henry Stiles Curtiss, Cleveland, 100; Sherman Lockwood Coy, Lakeville, Conn., 99; James Hutchinson Wear, St. Louis, Mo., 94; Leonard Moorhead Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa., 91; Dudley Stuart Blossom, Cleveland, O., 89; John Arthur Kippleman, Reading, Pa., 85; Robert Louis Atkinson, St. Louis, Mo., 79; Harold Chappell, New London, Conn., 75.

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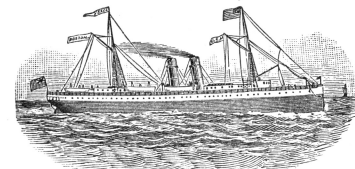
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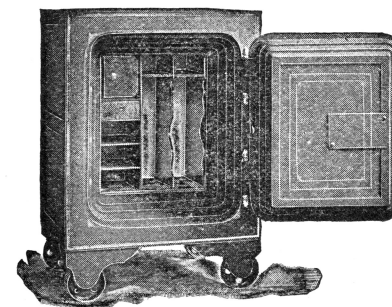
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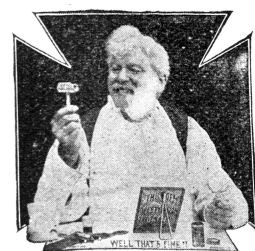
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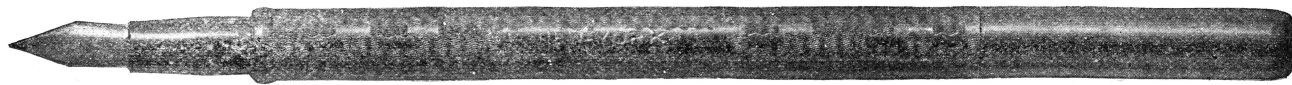
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