

ing students for the college. There is a great amount of organized work for the college by *class* alumni associations as well as by the *general* alumni.

Hoping that the above will prove of use to you and assuring you that any further information will be willingly given,

I am, very truly yours,

LEWIS S. MUDGE,
Class Secretary.

CORNELL.

The Committee's letter found Mr. P. P. Taylor, '89, Cornell, in a bog—in other words, in the midst of term examinations. He promises a full reply to the formidable list of queries, and, in the meantime, encloses a copy of the *Cornell Sun*, giving in full the constitution of the Senior Class at Cornell. From it we clip the items following. It is to be remembered, of course, that this constitution is for a class much larger than any now in our own college. This consideration will make many modifications necessary. It is to be feared that the picturesque Pipe Custodian may have to be sacrificed:

SENIOR CONSTITUTION ADOPTED BY '89.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the class shall be a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Ivy Orator, a Memorial Orator, a Class Orator, a Prophet, a Poet, a Historian, a Class Essayist, a Toast Master, a Pipe Custodian, two Marshals, an Athletic Director, a Navy Director, a Base Ball Director, and a Foot Ball Director.

§ 3. The election shall be conducted in the following manner: A committee of five members shall be appointed by the class, by ballot, to receive nominations, which nominations shall be made in writing and signed by a member or members of the class.

§ 5. It shall be the duty of said committee to preside at the election, and to be the sole judges of the said election.

§ 7. They shall count the ballots publicly, and the person receiving the largest number of votes cast for any office, shall be declared by them elected to that office except in the case of the two Vice-Presidents, where the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared by them elected first and second Vice-Presidents respectively.

§ 10. Any person shall be entitled to vote at any class election, who is registered as a Senior in the University, or whose name shall appear on a list furnished by the Registrar of the University, showing that there is a probability of his graduating with the class.

ARTICLE IV.

§ 1. It shall be the duty of the President of the class to preside at all meetings and to appoint all committees necessary for transacting all business that may arise during the year.

§ 2. The President shall appoint the following standing committees: on Class Day, Ball, Music, Class Photographs, Banquet, Memorial, Prizes, and Statistics.

§ 7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare a history of the class, the same to be delivered at the class day exercises.

§ 8. It shall be the duty of the Prophet to foretell the future of the class and its members on class day.

§ 9. It shall be the duty of the Pipe Custodian on class day to deliver to the proper representative of the Junior class, with an appropriate address, the class pipe.

§ 10. It shall be the duty of the Toast Master to preside over the toasts at the class banquet.

§ 11. It shall be the duty of the Prize Orator to award the prizes given at the banquet with an appropriate oration.

§ 14. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to estimate the amount of money necessary to defray the class expenses, to suggest the amount of tax to be levied on each member of the class and to apportion the money raised to the several needs of the class.

ARTICLE V. TAX.

§ 1. A class tax shall be levied to cover all the necessary expenses of the class.

§ 2. The class tax must be paid at farthest by the first of June, 1888.

ARTICLE VII.

Reunions of the class shall be held at intervals of five years, beginning with commencement week.

ARTICLE VIII.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any meeting.

HARVARD.

Harvard's '89 Secretary sends the following:—

39 THAYER HALL, Cambridge, Dec. 22, 1888.

MY DEAR SIR,—I beg you will excuse my delay in answering your inquiries about the organization of the classes after graduation at Harvard.

When the orator and poet, and other Class Day officers, are elected early in October of each year for the following June, there is also elected a Class Secretary, and a Class Committee (of three) who are *permanent* officers. It is the duty of the Secretary to get from all members of the class elaborate statements of all sorts of facts which would go to make up a sort of biography of each one. These statistics he combines in his first report, a pamphlet, published usually within a year after graduation.

After that from time to time the Secretary, who is expected to keep in communication with the class, publishes supplementary reports bringing the facts of the class down to date. I do not know the details of the methods he uses.

Elaborate statistics are obtained of every member of the class in the Senior Year, but the address, etc., is sought of every person who has been connected with the class at any time since the Freshman Year. We have only men in Harvard College, so that question of admitting lady members does not arise. At Commencement every year the class has a room in one of the buildings of the College yard, which serves as a meeting-place for the members of the class who come back to Commencement, and where light refreshments are served through the morning. Every three years a dinner is held in Boston, usually on the night before Commencement. These expenses are paid out of the interest of the Class Fund, subscribed before graduation and under the control of the Class Committee. Poor members of the class are often aided from this fund.

We form no "society," everybody who has been a member of the class is one of the class after graduation.

I shall be very glad to furnish any other information I can. The custom of keeping up the class feeling after graduation undoubtedly tends to foster a spirit of loyalty to and interest in the College, and preserves one's hold on many old friends.

I am, yours very truly,

JAMES HARDY ROPES,
Sec'y Class of '89, Harvard College.

RESULTS.

It is to be noted that all replies agree in their estimate of the benefit to be derived from these Class Societies. The system is one which, if proved to be valueless, would long ago have perished in the United States. It has proved useful there; why not here? The meetings of Oliver Wendell Holmes' Class of '29 are familiar to every reader of his poems; why should not Toronto's Class of '89 look forward to a time, "forty years on," when its surviving members, bald and gouty, shall still meet as friends, renewing from year to year the memories of earlier days? Seriously, though, a future of much usefulness does seem to lie before these Class Societies. There may be, no doubt will be, partial failure at the start; we have no doubt of their complete ultimate success. The present Senior Class has made an excellent beginning. Let the good work go on.