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## THE DATE OF ISSUE.

With this issue, the Weekly adopts Thursday as its publication day. We make the change because the new date allows much better time and opportunity to the staff for the preparation of each issue. We do not believe that any loss or inconvenience will result to subscribers from this change. The paper, at its foundation, was published as early in the week as possible, because it was then made up very largely of records of the athletic events which principally occurred on Saturday. While it is still the policy of the paper to present all athletic news as accurately and interestingly as possible, we do not feel that this department will suffer any on account of this change. It has been the tendency of the paper, as fast as it was possible to develop our resources, to offer more and more matter whose value would not be materially affected by a difference of twenty-four hours in its presentation. At the same time, there is no intention to change the character of the Weekly as a disseminator of as timely news matter as we can obtain.

## THE BRYAN MEETING.

If matters ethical were like matters mercantile, Yale University could exhibit an enormous credit balance when all the entries for last Thursday's episode on the Green had been made. But two wrongs are still two wrongs, and it avaleth not for one or the other party to seek the creation of right by any treatment of them. And so all the transcontinental, horizonless lying that has been done about the Bryan meeting in New Haven, is not for the credit of those lied about; but leaves the facts in the case as they were and the responsibility for them where it belongs.

Elsewhere the Weekly prints an unvarnished story of the affairs of that afternoon, of interest to Yale men. It is superfluous to add that what is there shown, as little as it is compared with what was said to have happened, furnishes ground for very

keen regret. Call it thoughtless, innocent, impulsive mischief, without malice, or premeditation, if you will. So it was, but that doesn't excuse those who participated in it, or save the University from sharing their blame. Under all the circumstances, and particularly in view of the wretched management of the affair which so tried everyone in the crowd, it was not strange that the explosion was heard. It did damage, nevertheless. Those who are used to student crowds are used to such breaks, and breaches of the proprieties. That fact doesn't make the occurrence seem any better to those who are not used to them, nor does it change the essential character of the acts that are performed. Only a very small portion of the University had anything to do with the affair. But that reflection is not as pertinent as it would be were the solidarity of Yale life a less conspicuous feature of the institution, and were it not common to give to the University a full share of praise and glory, when any of its members acted well their parts and won honor.

Unless we wish to abandon one of the most fundamental characteristics and as well one of the great sources of strength of Yale life, we must all stand up to take our share of the disrepute of acts by Yale men that are not up to the standard which the educated gentleman should hold, and we must admit that the University flag is lowered when such acts are performed. Things were done and said last Thursday by a number of members of the University, that it is not the part of gentlemen to do and say. That's the fact to face. And another fact to face is, that occurrences of that sort are not the rarest things. It is not most important to show at such a time as this, that nineteen twentieths of the University never throw their self-respect aside or forget their responsibilities as gentlemen of Yale. The question of the hour turns on the means of making the sentiments of this vast majority of the University's sons so potent as to make such incidents as those of last Thursday impossible.

## TO CLASS AND ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

It is necessary to the best conduct and greatest usefulness of the Yale Weekly, that those who are in such position as to command Yale news should always keep this paper in mind and supply us, on the earliest mail, with such data as come to their hands. The paper's field, in its single department of Alumni news, is literally world-wide and its staff must include correspondents wherever Yale men are. We again remind class and association secretaries that we consider them as our correspondents and that we hope to hear more and more frequently from them in the future. It will be a favor if secretaries will notify us when in need of a supply of cards and envelopes for this correspondence.

It is probably unnecessary to add that any others, whether in official position or otherwise, who come into possession of news of any kind in regard to graduates or university affairs, will place us under grateful obligation by early forwarding to this office all such intelligence.

By the death of Professor H. A. Newton, Professor W. Gibbs succeeds to the head of the Mathematical Department and Professor A. W. Phillips will take his classes in Differential and Integral Calculus.

## DIVINITY SCHOOL OPENING.

## Size and Character of Classes—Lectures Announced.

The opening address before the Theological Department was delivered on Thursday afternoon, September 24 by Professor L. O. Brastow who took as his subject, "The Religious Life of the Theological Student."

This Department of the University opens with 101 men enrolled, with the possibility of a few more. The incoming class numbers 29, of whom 9 come from Amherst and 3 from Williams. Other Colleges represented are: Harvard, Dartmouth, Oberlin, Beloit and Wesleyan. All but one are college trained men.

There are several additions to the Middle and Senior classes. The graduate class contains 11, being much smaller than for the past two years.

There are 5 Armenians, 1 Japanese and 1 colored. The Welsh colony which has been here for the last three years has gone, and no representative of that nationality is here for this year.

The only change in the Faculty is the coming of Dr. Benjamin W. Bacon to the chair of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation.

The first and great event of the year in the Theological Department is the Lyman Beecher course of Lectures by John Watson, D. D., better known as Ian Maclaren. Dr. Watson's subjects are:

- 1.—The Genesis of a Sermon.
- 2.—The Technique of a Sermon.
- 3.—The Problem of Preaching.
- 4.—Theology; The Theory of Religion.
- 5.—The New Dogma.
- 6.—The Machinery of a Congregation.
- 7.—The Work of a Parish.
- 8.—The Public Worship of God.
- 9.—The Minister's Care of Himself.

These subjects have the old time ring of the early years of this celebrated course.

Other lectures will be delivered during the year by Hon. E. J. Phelps, Hon. Justice D. J. Brewer, Professor Charles E. Garman of Amherst, Dr. George A. Gordon, Dr. George W. Knox, and other leading men.

Messrs. C. S. Thayer, '95 T. S., and A. G. Beach, '96 T. S., are pursuing studies in Germany under the Hooker and Dwight Fellowships.

Additional premiums offered this year are the Downs Prizes offered to the Middle and Senior classes for Scripture and Hymn Reading.

## Changes on the Campus.

Owing to the demolition of Old Chapel and the completion of the Phelps' Memorial Gateway, the Campus presents a changed appearance to the University member as he returns this year. The gap in the brick row, first opened by the tearing down of North Middle College in the summer of 1895, is thus made wider. The Campus has a more open appearance and the individual buildings are seen to more advantage. This is especially the case with the Phelps' Gateway. Authority for the removal of Old Chapel was given by the Corporation at the meeting last June in Commencement week and the work of demolition was commenced in the early part of the vacation. The ground has now been leveled off, and an asphalt walk has been laid across the Campus from the Phelps Gateway south of the Treasury building to the Reading-Room.

Old Chapel was dedicated November 17, 1824, when Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Day was President, and was devoted to the religious exercises of the College until the opening of Battell Chapel, June 18, 1876. Then the place of worship was changed into recitation rooms on the first two floors, students rooms on the third, while one recitation room and the Classical Club quarters occupied the attic.

Phelps Hall, as the Gateway is correctly called, will be dedicated on October 9. The recitation rooms, though still in an unfinished condition, are now occupied and replace those lost by the removal of Old Chapel. The Classical Club also have their quarters in this new building, together with other University officers.

## Changes in the Law School.

It has been announced that C. W. Pierson, '86, who is now a member of the New York bar, will give a new course in the Law School in "New York Code and Practice." Also, Hon. E. D. Robbins, '74, who will lecture on "Medical Jurisprudence," and W. F. Foster, L. S. '94, who is to give a course of lectures on "Contracts," have been added to the board of instructors. Mr. Pierson was valedictorian in '86, and Mr. Robbins held the same position in '74. Mr. Foster won the John A. Porter prize in 1895.

Hon. N. Shipman, LL. D., Judge of the United States Circuit Court, began recently a course of lectures to Seniors on "United States Practice." Professor Thayer of the Harvard Law School, Storrs' lecturer for this year, will deliver a series of addresses on the "Theory of Law and Evidence," beginning on Oct. 26. These lectures will be open to all University students.

Statistics show that the number already entered in the student list is larger than that of the same time last year.

The Medical School begins its work today (Oct. 1.) Following the example of nearly all of the principal Medical Schools of the country the course has been lengthened from three to four years. The Faculty will remain the same in number as it was last year.

## Yale Law School.

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