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THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

There is no excitement at this opening of another year of Yale life, but there is a great deal in which the friends of the University may take the most thorough satisfaction. The very trying business times have not had the depressing effect upon numbers that might have been reasonably expected. On the contrary in all departments, the figures have either been well held or definitely and even remarkably increased. This is not in itself a standard of the truest success of such an institution as Yale, as the Weekly has hitherto observed. It is, however, an indication of an unimpaired and even increasing confidence in the University. This confidence, it may be as well to say, was never any better merited than in the present equipment of the University, in the spirit of its instruction and scholarship, and in the tone of its student life.

MR. SEWALL'S LETTER.

Elsewhere is printed a letter from a Yale graduate, protesting against the demonstration at the Bryan meeting, and urging the necessity of University action on the matter lest the acts be given too much character and significance. The letter was intended for publication in the first issue, but was crowded out in the makeup.

The request of the writer for public denunciation by the University authorities or students, of the disturbance on the Green, raises a point that had already been carefully considered, both by officers and students. The failure to take such a step as that proposed was, if we are correctly informed, due to the simple fact that there was not sufficient character or gravity to the incident to entitle it to such consideration. It would be as reasonable to call for a University meeting, or a Faculty pronunciamento if half a hundred men celebrated too intensely an athletic victory, and fell foul of local sentiment in some other city. The offenders would be disci-

plined if the official eye could reach them, and they would gain anything but favor in the eyes of their fellows who would feel a share in their discredit; but to take action upon such an incident, as though it were a University affair would be only to seem to give it a character which it did not possess.

There are much more appropriate ways of getting at offenders in such cases, and we have some confidence that such measures, more and more frequently employed, will reduce to the minimum all such difficulties. It is indeed time that the notion of the irresponsibility of students be less frequently appealed to and thus less frequently relied on in the excuse or palliation of acts of definite discourtesy, or worse. There is no danger that a high standard on these points will lead to prudishness.

THE ACTION OF THE CLASS OF '90.

The class of '90 at its sexennial meeting last Commencement, adopted certain resolutions on a matter of very deep interest to those to whom the conservation of old Yale, as well as the development of new Yale, is a matter of anxious concern. These resolutions were printed in the Weekly's Commencement issue. Many, however, of the present readers of the paper may not have seen them. Others will not regret their reappearance as publicly as possible. We feel safe in saying that the great majority of Yale graduates sympathize strongly with the sentiments they contain. The resolutions follow:

"Whereas, It seems to be the present policy of the Corporation of Yale University to remove from the Campus, at a date not far distant, all vestiges of the older buildings; and

"Whereas, We have found in the presence of these venerable buildings, hallowed as they are by memories of the past, a continual inspiration to realize in our time the spirit of this place; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the class of 1890, desire to express our regret at what we recognize as inevitable, and our earnest hope that those in authority may see fit to preserve a part, at least, of South Middle College, that something, beside the ground itself, may remain from the earliest days as a visible emblem of the ever-growing, never-changing spirit of Yale.

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the President of Yale University and to the Editor of the Yale Alumni Weekly."

These resolutions breathe the most loyal Yale spirit. They breathe at the same time the most truly progressive spirit. They recognize that the strength of Yale in the future must rest on the spirit which has given to Yale its strength in the past, a spirit of whose qualities every visible memorial of the great past speaks as no history or record can speak. The men who framed and endorsed these resolutions would say to those who are shaping the future of Yale, that piles of brick and stone, and gifts of precious metals can not make the Yale of the future, anymore than they have made the Yale of the past. These resolutions cry out against materialism.

If anyone doubts the feeling of Yale men on this point, or our assertion that the vast preponderance of sentiment is in favor of the preservation, entire, of such a memorial as South Middle, or better irreconcilably opposed to the destruction of such a monument of the past, we can only regret that he was not in Alumni Hall at the Commencement dinner to hear the response to the sentiment of one of the speakers, that somehow, somewhere, that building must be preserved. We

have been told that we ought not to discuss this question. We cannot refrain from the discussion of this question.

THE VISIT OF DR. WATSON.

The most interesting feature of the opening of the Fall term, is the presence at the University of the Rev. Dr. John Watson (Ian Mac Laren) of Liverpool, whose lectures, sermons and talks, have made no little impression on the intellectual and spiritual life of the University. The lectures in the Lyman Beecher course before the Divinity School, delivered each day to an audience that crowded the College Street Church to its doors, have been full of the spirit of a theology that is such a theology of life as one would look for from this writer, already known and loved here. It has been good to see the Yale School thus strengthened in its constantly upward movement, and the confidence in its rational and vital system of teaching is much increased by the presence of a lecturer of the strength of spirit and breadth of view of Dr. Watson.

At Sunday's sermon at the Chapel, despite the forbidding notices on the doors that no seats would be reserved for visitors, every bit of room to the gallery steps, was taken, and a sermon fifty minutes long seemed only too short to a audience accustomed to chafe under teaching of more than half that time. For the informal talk at Dwight Hall in the evening, in a pouring rain, the University appeared in such force as to crowd and overflow the large room. There was no doubt in the minds of any who attended these meetings that any criticism on any part of the religious life of the University could not be reduced to the statement that there was not a sufficiently responsive community.

Dr. Baldwin's "Revolt of the Tartars."

Among the books recently issued and published by Yale professors is one by Dr. Charles S. Baldwin, instructor of rhetoric. He has edited with notes and introduction the "Revolt of the Tartars" by Thomas De Quincey. The book is from the press of Longmans, Green & Co., New York and is especially intended for preparatory school work. The text printed is that of Hogg's collective edition (Edinburgh, 1853-1860), which was prepared by the author. Besides very full notes and introduction, the book contains a biographical sketch of De Quincey, suggestions for teachers, and a chronological table. All notes except De Quincey's are relegated to the end of the book. The arrangement of the critical apparatus is throughout such as to facilitate questioning, the usual examinations papers being thought unnecessary.

"Life of Paul."

Mr. William H. Sallmon, General Secretary of the University Y. M. C. A., has just written a book entitled, "Studies in the Life of Paul." This course has been taught at two student conferences and the Women's Conference at Northfield and in the Yale University Association. It is eminently adapted for individual study or for use in Sunday School, Young People's Society or Association Bible Classes.

Besides the lessons, the book contains a bibliography of study helps, a chronology of Paul's life, suggestions to leaders, and also suggestions for an extension of the course, with a sample outline of the book of Galatians.

The Brown Herald is holding a voting contest in order to decide upon a name for the Freshman Class of Brown University.

Generous Gifts to Chicago University.

Mrs. Julia Bradley, an aged woman of Peoria, Ill., has bestowed all her fortune, estimated at \$2,200,000, upon the University of Chicago, on condition that a branch school shall be built at Peoria. It will be called "The Bradley Polytechnic Institute," and two of its seven directors will be connected with the University of Chicago.

In the proffered use of another half million dollars worth of property, the University of Chicago is now in the way to possess the finest inland lake biological station in the world. This magnificent supplement to the Hull gift of \$1,000,000 for biological laboratories is due to Mrs. Edward Roby, E. A. Shedd and C. B. Shedd. It makes it possible for the University to control all the land and water it desires of the 3,000 acres around Wolf Lake and the channel connecting it with Lake Michigan. Mrs. Roby also offers to the University an unrivalled water course for a University crew. Most of the necessary buildings for dormitories for biological students and for boats will also be given by Mrs. Roby and the Shedd's, if their offer is accepted.

W. H. Lewis, the old Harvard center, is writing a "Primer" of college football.

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