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YALE AND THE CLASSICS.

The important event of last week, the opening of the Classical Club room with all the ceremonies attendant thereon, the gathering of distinguished visitors, and more than all, the speeches at the formal celebration at the Chapel, set forth more clearly than any event, since the report of the commission of 1827, the position of Yale on the Classics. Besides that, these things all set forth just what the position of Yale ever must be in the minds of those controlling the Classical Department. The paper of Prof. Peck, presented at the Chapel exercises, interesting as it is in recalling the horrible times when students did nothing but study Greek and Latin and Hebrew, and were ordered to converse in the Classics, is even more interesting and significant in its statement of Yale's present position and what it is intended its future shall be. The paper by Prof. Williams, as an endorsement of this stand, from the Scientific side of the University, adds to the weight and importance of the occasion. In reading the account of the affair one will not overlook what was said about the position of the rooms of the Classical Department, in the building which forms the gateway to the University grounds, and which dominates all the surrounding architecture.

If the choice were forced upon any friend of Yale of action on the part of the University's students like that participated in by some at the Bryan meeting on the Green, or of action by them, either in their student life or afterwards, like that of certain newspaper writers and editors and political managers, there is no question which alternative would be accepted. It is a very bad thing to be indecorous and disrespectful. It is a thousand times worse thing to lie and to slander. Not very much removed from these last named offences are the acts of those who are willing to take up the lies of others, believe and circulate them, when it is in their power to learn the truth.

PHELPS HALL.

The thanks of Yale and Yale's friends have frequently been expressed in the past, for the gift of the Phelps Gateway. At the exercises attendant upon the opening of the building, the feeling of gratitude for the gift was expressed in a manner that carries official weight. We are safe in saying that the family of the distinguished donor of this property may be assured that, besides all that has been said, there is the unspoken gratitude of thousands of the sons of Yale, who have already seen this splendid piece of architecture and of those who shall look upon it in the years to come.

SOME DANGER.

We find the following in the Chicago Dispatch:

"It is now in order for some enterprising newspaper to send a committee to the Yale Campus for a study of the types of civilization."

It would be in order to suggest that that commission be not made up of any of the original fiction writers who have treated the country to such unusual lies on the subject of the Bryan meeting. Yale patience under ordinary circumstances will go a great ways; e. g., the non-resistance of five or six hundred students, when a speaker chose to insult their fathers and themselves. In that case, however, it must be remembered that the students knew that a cheap tool at hand was being used by which to appeal to certain minds, and were willing to let such talk go on, knowing it hurt them least of all. They had "let themselves off" (of course quite inexcusably) and they did not resent the speaker's choice of means of "letting himself off."

When it comes, however, to a conspiracy to defame the University for the sake of political or other gains, the affair is not considered quite so much of a joke. It is easy to smile at the works of imagination on this subject, but if those who created and distributed the original lies could be met with, we would not guarantee that the opportunities of the occasion would be lost.

We are very, very sorry, as we said before, that any trouble occurred at the Bryan meeting, but no one can deny the friends of Yale such comfort as that which comes from reading about themselves. We give them some solace of this kind to-day, and shall be able to offer more of a like kind in another issue. Much of it adds materially to the gaiety of nations.

In the College Pulpit.

The schedule of preachers for the present fall term has been announced as follows:

October 18—Rev. Joseph Anderson, D. D., of Waterbury.

October 25—Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D., of New York.

November 1—Rev. Prof. Harris, of Andover.

November 8—Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin, D. D., of Washington.

November 15—Rev. John De Pew, of Norfolk, Conn.

November 22—Rev. Prof. Bacon, Yale Seminary.

November 29—Rev. H. M. Curtis, D. D., of Cincinnati.

December 6—Rev. A. H. Merriam, of Hartford.

December 13—Rev. J. H. Twichell, of Hartford.

A VALUABLE GIFT.

Mr. Sears Presents the Library of the late Dr. Curtius.

One of the pleasantest events in connection with the opening of the rooms of the Classical Club, last Friday, was the announcement by Dr. Keep of Norwich, (Yale '65) of the gift to the University by J. M. Sears, Esq., (Yale '77) of the library left by the late distinguished historian and archaeologist, Ernst Curtius of Berlin. This library, purchased for 20,000 marks, is declared on the highest authority to be the most valuable collection of the kind which has been sold in Germany since 1868. The number of volumes (about 3,500, with many pamphlets) does not indicate the true importance of the library. Doubtless many of these works are already in our University library, but most of the duplicates can be placed to advantage in the library of the Classical Club. On the arrival of these books, in a few weeks, about 5,000 volumes of philological works will be gathered in the rooms on the fifth floor of Phelps Hall, half of these at all times accessible to the qualified student. The thanks of Yale scholars are due to Dr. Keep for his suggestions to Mr. Sears of this gift of the Curtius Library.

The Classical Club still needs for its full equipment, however, a permanent endowment for its library. It needs a thousands dollars for the immediate purchase of modern books, especially English works of reference, and should have a regular income of \$500 for the purchase of new books, photographs, casts, etc., as illustrative material. Apparatus is needed for the most effective study of the classics as truly as for chemical researches.

New Graduate Course.

A new graduate course has been offered this year by Dr. Phelps in Seventeenth Century Literature. The course will consist of a rather minute study of English Literature from 1625 to 1660, exclusive of the drama, with lectures and discussions by the class. The poetry of Donne, Herbert, Crashaw, Herrick, Curen, Guckling, Lovelace, Waller, Marnell, Vaughan and others, will be read thoroughly. The works of Milton will be studied from the literary, political, and religious points of view. The social life of the times will also be examined. At present there are 12 graduate students taking the course.

A Correction.

[New York Journal.]

Lewis S. Welch, editor of the Yale Alumni Weekly, writes as follows:

"Please correct an error that crept into your columns in an interview with me about the Bryan meeting at New Haven. The Journal made me say that 'personally I do not regret the trouble.' I believe that the mistake was unintentional, and that the word 'not' slipped in through an accident. In talking to your reporter I expressed my regret at the affair."

New Book on Football.

On October 31 a book on the subject of "Football," written by Walter Camp, '80, and Lorin F. Deland, of Harvard, will be published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston. This book will be an exhaustive work on the great game in all its aspects. The subject is divided into three parts with the following headings: "For the Spectator," "For the Player," and "For the Coach."

Under the former is given a history of the game from its earliest days down and in every country where the name of football has been known. Special chapters are devoted to the following points: "How to Watch a Game," "The Finer Points of the Play," "Explanation of the Technical Expressions in the Game," etc.

In the second division of the book are given many valuable points, to captains and players, such points being taken up as: "How to Form a Team," "How to Conduct Practice Without a Second Eleven," etc., with explanations of the values of tricks, when they should be used, etc. Many

faults are also enumerated which are most necessary to be avoided.

In the chapters devoted to the coach the finer points in the formation and development of a team are discussed by diagrams and detailed descriptions of over fifty separate plays. Many points are here touched upon which have never before been published.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON on the Silver Question in this Number

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