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GOOD LIBRARY MANAGEMENT.

Elsewhere is published an interesting and, as far as the limits of such a paper will allow, an exhaustive review of the valuable collection of books belonging to the late Count Riant, recently secured by the authorities of the Library

To one point in connection with this we wish to call particular notice. The management of the Library secured this most important addition to its resources by its business-like promptness, which, in turn, was backed by the generosity of a friend. The incident is a fair indication of the excellence of the management which has always characterized this department of the University. All critics of Yale's collection of books have agreed in this, that it is really remarkable that so much has been accomplished when the limitation of means is considered.

Of course this very fact is a valuable asset for the Library. Those friends who would like to increase its collection or add to its endowment, have confidence that the money devoted to this purpose will be used to the very best advantage. And it may not be out of place here again to say to those who are in a position to aid Yale, that there is still a very pressing need in this direction. Whatever has been done should be only a beginning of what is to be done. The appropriation by the Faculty of the \$200,000 received from the Sloane estate for the use of the Library, of course relieves the situation somewhat but does not begin to make the purchasing equipment what it should be.

CONCERNING GENERAL WEBB.

In the last issue of the Yale Alumni Weekly, among the clippings concerning the Bryan meeting, there was inserted by an oversight, the editorial comment of the New York Sun on the alleged statement by General Webb, President of the College of the City of New York. The interview which was commented on and denounced by the

Sun has since been declared by General Webb to be absolute forgery.

We regret that the echo of the original falsehood concerning General Webb should have appeared in our columns. Every one was much surprised when it was said in the New York Journal that General Webb had said anything of this kind, and all were very much relieved to know that he really never had.

It is probably not necessary to make any reference here to the column entitled the "Book Shelf," which appears for the first time, in this issue, farther than to say that it is our intention to publish such a department fortnightly. As to its scope and purpose, our readers can best learn them, from the initial article which gives the motive and the hope as directly and clearly as possible. It seems to us that there is an opportunity before it, but we will let experience settle that. We know at least that this department of the Weekly is in good hands, and we are ourselves confident that it will prove a distinct addition to the paper.

At this time of year a very large number of the readers of the Weekly are changing addresses. We beg to remind them that if an early notification of the change is sent to us, the more satisfactory will be the delivery of the paper. The changes are very often not forwarded, until some time after they have been made. It will also be a great help here, if subscribers notify us if they do not receive the paper regularly. The circulation department is in better condition than it ever has been before, and no means are omitted for making it perfect in its working.

New Graduate Course in English.

In consequence of an unexpected demand for a course in Encyclopaedia and Methodology of English, Prof. Cook has offered courses on these subjects, and a meeting was held last week to organize. The first book used will be Elze's "Grundriss der Englischen Philologie." Prof. Cook stated the objects of the course to be, first, the formation of a philosophical notion of the aim of English philology; second, the recognition of the subdivisions into which it falls, and the gaining of an elementary acquaintance with the work which has been done with each of these branches, and of the principle authorities in each.

In the College Pulpit.

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

October 25—Rev. P. J. Bacon, Yale Theological Seminary.

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. Henry Van Dyke, D. D., New York.

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.

G. G. Schrieber, '98, has been elected secretary of the University Glee Club in place of G. Parker, '98, resigned.

The first concert of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs will be given in Hartford, November 3.

IN MEMORIAM.

(Written for the Yale Alumni Weekly.)

The death of Arthur M. Dodge of the class of 1874 came at a time when he was eagerly anticipating a revival of his own college impressions and enthusiasms by participation in the university impressions and enthusiasms of his sons, one of whom has already passed two of the regulation milestones, upon the old hard trodden and foot imprinted highway.

It was in the early summer that I passed the evening with him and realized the happiness he thought was in store for him from this new association with his Alma Mater. Already the marks of a fatal disease were upon him. The round, friendly face had a drawn look, his form had lost its healthy proportions, and his eye but faintly reflected the sparkle and the wholesome sympathy, which were so suggestive of his generous nature. But if he was himself aware that the dark days were closing in upon him and that the battle was going against him, he did not show it. He was the same genial, magnetic and generous man, softened somewhat by the varied experiences of an active life but correspondingly more interesting. Our conversation turned upon the expansion of Yale and the increased opportunities our boys would enjoy to more thoroughly equip themselves for the places of responsibility in the world which are more and more demanding. In the natural process of things, the courage and judgment which education gives, I recall now with vividness the impression I carried away of his earnestness and wisdom as a parent and citizen on the one hand, and his fellowship and sympathy as a friend and companion on the other.

I can not speak of Arthur Dodge as a student, for he graduated before I entered College, but I came to know him well shortly after, and there was always between us an intercourse of a more intimate nature than often comes to men whose classes were so many years apart. There was a heartiness and a spontaneity to the man which were irresistible to a receptive nature. He filled one with a sense of his good fellowship, attracting one first by that lovable quality and then holding one by his frank and open nature. He was genial and at the same time sincere, demonstrative but genuine, democratic but dignified. To support these pronounced characteristics there was a store of worldly wisdom, which broadened as life bore him along in its swift current. There being nothing small in his nature, small concerns, which pester and irritate many a worthy but narrow soul, swept past him unnoticed. If he appreciated the light side of life, he was not blind to the serious, and the quite remarkable versatility of the man displayed itself in his adaptability to the environment which held him. Unlike too many others of similar business and social prominence, he learned early the lesson of separating the obligations of the two, the office held the secrets of his business, the home the delights of social life.

Mr. Dodge was a splendid type of a Yale man in the world. He took with him from the College the polish and dignity of a classical education, and balanced it with the spirit of manliness which the social side of college life develops. Every appeal to him in behalf of the College when it was a college and of the University when it had ceased to be a college, was promptly honored. His devotion to Yale and his enthusiasm for what concerned her, find their memorial today in the beautiful gymnasium which he did so much to build, and whose walls he watched grow with pardonable pride. Had he lived, his influence would have extended "neath the elms," and he would have continued to exemplify, in the modest ways which were his, the tender and solicitous interest the loyal sons of old Yale everywhere take in her development.

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