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INTERESTING FIGURES.

Busy men do not find time for a study of statistics, but there are some published in this issue of the Weekly which are condensed to a small and convenient form and which will not be overlooked by the thoughtful friends of Yale. They show, as well as figures can, the fundamental educational system of the University. There are different systems of education, and their comparative values occasion a lively and not unprofitable controversy. Yale is the great example of a conservative academic education, and Harvard the great example of the most radical American ideas in this line. A very concise comparison of the different bases of these two educational systems is given in the figures on the courses taken in both institutions.

POSTALS TO ALUMNI.

A postal has been returned to this office, with a request for information as to its object and authority, which contained the following message, the signature being withheld:

"Dear Sir:—

"I am trying to make up a list of the doings of Yale graduates since leaving College. By filling out the return postal and replying by return mail, you will greatly oblige,
Yours very truly,
"

We have replied that we don't know why this was sent out or by what authority. We are of the opinion that the postals are altogether without authority. There may be some most worthy motive in such a communication as this. If there is, it should have been disclosed or intimated in some way.

In times past, it has been the custom for those who were in competition for an editorship on the Yale News, and whose contributions were received by the news department of the Weekly, to sow all Yaledom with return postal cards requesting any and all means of information about Yale men. While always most anxious to secure all legitimate information about Yale graduates, the present Yale Weekly management has discouraged as far as possible all such irresponsi-

ble efforts. We hereby serve notice on Yale alumni that we are not responsible for any communications sent to them which do not contain our signature or endorsement.

We have no desire to close to those contributing to the News or the Weekly any legitimate sources of information, but the practice to which we have referred has become a burdensome and unfair condition of competition for editorial position, involving expense which is unjustifiable. It is also, in its abuse, annoying to graduates. We shall take even stronger measures hereafter to prevent it.

We hope that graduates, if less disturbed by postal interrogatories in the future, will not be less mindful of our desire to receive from them all information possible concerning themselves, other Yale men and all Yale matters.

DEAN BRIGGS ON CHEATING.

Not the least interesting in the very suggestive report of President Eliot of Harvard to the Overseers, which includes the reports to him of the heads of the departments, is the discussion by Dean Briggs of the Academic Department of the means taken there to crush out the habit of cheating in examinations. In the report of the measures taken, the Dean goes into the ethics of the question and meets, as it seems to us, very squarely the excuses that are given for those who insist on helping themselves to a degree by means which are unfair. We reprint his report on this subject entire in this issue of the Weekly. There is hardly any side of college life today, which affects the character of students, which is so important.

A MOVE FOR CLEANLINESS.

It is not altogether pleasant to find that the press of the College thinks it necessary to institute a campaign against dirt, but the Yale News contends that such a campaign is necessary, and we very much fear that the Yale alumni can find no good ground for attacking its premises. The substance of what the News says is that college rooms are not well kept, that men have to resort to the employment of special sweeps in the buildings where they are allowed, and to special tips where only the regular employees of the College are permitted, in order to secure a fair degree of cleanliness. The News reproaches students for submitting to such a situation and encouraging it in this way. It is really a wonder, and it is in a way a reproach to the student body, that they have not long before in some formal and emphatic way brought to the attention of the authorities the very unfortunate condition of their environment in this respect.

PROFESSOR LOUNSBURY'S SPEECH.

Those who read the account of the Wyoming Valley Alumni Association's meeting must have been impressed with Professor Lounsbury's appeal for additions to our library funds. The appropriation by the Corporation of the \$200,000 recently accruing to the University or soon to come into its possession from the estate of the late Thomas Sloane of New York, is not, of course, sufficient for the development of such a library as Yale's should be. Without investigating too carefully, we venture to remark that the income from this fund will, to a great extent, take the place of University funds that have hitherto been used for this purpose and will now be used for other pressing interests of the institution. It is quite true that a considerable sum will be at the com-

mand of the library as the result of this appropriation, but, as we said, its treasury will be still far from full. We have printed so many facts and figures about this, and comments on it by those who speak with greatest authority, that it is not necessary to go into details and statistics or emphasize the importance of the question. All we ask is that the friends of Yale will not forget the overshadowing importance of the library and its actual needs, when they consider what they can do for the University or talk with those who have some good things in mind.

THE YALE NEWS.

The management of Yale's good daily is again transferred to the men of a new generation, and again is it our pleasure to assure the friends of Yale, that the paper is still in good hands. The News is alive and it has courage. We congratulate those who have given it this character. We believe in those on whom rests the responsibility of strengthening and developing this character. There are radical changes in management, yet to be made, before the paper becomes all that it can be.

A MEXICAN ORGANIZATION.

An Appeal to Yale Alumni to Form a Club.

An enterprising Yale alumnus, Mr. George B. Massey, of the class of '95S, has written to the Yale Weekly with the object of forming a Yale Alumni Association of Mexico. It is well known that there are many Yale alumni in that country and this act of Mr. Massey's will meet with their unquestioned approval and hearty cooperation. Mr. Massey desires the following notice to appear in the Weekly:

"If those Yale alumni in Mexico, or any one having knowledge of any such will communicate with George B. Massey, '95S., Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Coahuila, Mexico, they will aid greatly in an attempt to form a Yale alumni organization in the Republic."

Yale has alumni associations in all parts of the United States at present and the extension of these organizations into foreign countries will prove that Yale loyalty is a universal trait in her graduates.

A New Racing Enterprise.

A new class has been organized this year in the Yale-Corinthian Yacht Club which has interested a considerable number of men, who are unable to enjoy the advantages of yacht racing. This is the half-rater class, the class which proved so popular last season at places on Long Island Sound.

During the Fall term a number of yachting enthusiasts in the University discussed the formation of a class for dory racing. These boats were to be twenty-two feet six inches over all, and six feet six inches beam. The cost of such a boat, with sails and rigging complete, was to be \$100.

So much interest was taken in the class and so many men handed in orders for boats that the scheme became greatly extended. The managers found that for the same price, they could secure a half-rater of the "Question," or as more generally known, the "cracker box," type. As this boat would be much more able than a dory, the change of plan was adopted.

Thirteen orders for these boats have been received. All the boats are to be from one design and rigged exactly alike. The measurements are, over all twenty-one feet, water line fifteen feet, beam seven feet, and sail area 550 square feet.

The boats are to be delivered in New Haven by April 1 and will be then handed over to the owners. From the first of May until the close of college, races will be held every week under the rules of the Yale-Corinthian Yacht Club. The Club will furnish a challenge flag for these races and will also present a handsome silver cup to the boat winning the most races. As the boats are to be all from one design the races will be won through superiority in seamanship and the sport for this reason will be the more interesting.

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In the College Pulpit.

The following preachers will occupy the College pulpit during the winter term:

February 14—Rev. George Gordon, D. D., pastor of Old South church, Boston.

February 21—Rev. William K. Hall, D. D., pastor of First Presbyterian church of Newburgh, N. Y.

February 28—Rev. Alexander McKenzie, pastor of Shepard Memorial church of Cambridge, Mass.

March 7—Rev. Prof. Robert Ellis Thompson, of Philadelphia.

March 14—Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich, of Orange, N. J.

March 21—President M. W. Stryker, of Hamilton College.

March 28—Rev. Henry A. Stimson, of New York City.

J. F. King has been secured as the track coach by the Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

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