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A PRINCELY GIFT.

The verification of the good report of last week, that Yale had been made the principal beneficiary under the will of one of her graduates of large means, makes the news from LeRoy the most important of this college year, and makes this year one of the most memorable in the modern history of the University. Great riches have of late been poured into the lap of some of the other universities of America, but these princely benefactions are very rare events for Yale. It is a particularly unusual experience for the University to receive such a gift in such a peculiarly acceptable form. The provision for an Alumni Hall is only the carrying out of the wishes of all the friends of Yale, and the appropriation of the rest of the fortune to the strengthening of most important branches of academic learning, is a means for the developing of the very constitution of Yale.

The figures of the financial value of the gift, given in this issue of the Weekly, are obtained from the university officers and represent their best estimates of the value of the property.

Of the man who has thus become one of Yale's greatest benefactors, and of the influences which made the hold of his alma mater upon him so strong and which are therefore all the more impressed upon the men of to-day, who guide Yale, as the very essence of her spirit and the principles of her highest policy, we can say no more than has been said in another part of this paper in the letter of the Hon. Daniel H. Chamberlain. For his tribute to William Lampson, in the name of the sons of Yale, we give him our thanks. To his earnest prayer, as he closes his letter, we add our fervent Amen.

THE BOAT RACE.

Cornell's answer to Harvard, in the matter of the boat race, was courteous, generous and manly. The highest requirements of the fairest and most liberal ideas of sport could not have dictated anything better than that. A great many Yale men will undoubtedly be genuinely sorry that Yale's boating policy did not allow for the acceptance of the counter-proposition. Probably Harvard's ideas of the right kind of a boat race did not allow for such a contest. But if it could have been, it would have been most acceptable to a lot of people, who don't pretend to know anything about what is or is not ideally the best aquatic contest, but who want Yale to take every chance to show a friendly good will to all American colleges. We all know, however, that Yale's course in this matter has been taken in the full conviction that it is necessary to the preservation and development of

a temperate and rational athletic policy, and without regard to any other consideration. It is plain to everybody that Yale couldn't always row all the eastern colleges.

Anyway, we are glad the thing is settled at last.

THE WORD "COED."

The following editorial appeared not long ago in the Daily Palo Alto, the journal of the Leland Stanford University:

"We wish to enter a protest against the use that is made of the word 'co-ed' in referenc to the women students of the University. Only this week there came among our exchanges a paper containing a half-tone cut of Roble gymnasium, to which was appended the title: 'Co-eds' Gymnasium on the Campus.' No one who rightly understands the origin and significance of the term would think of applying it to a single part of the students of this University; in an etymological sense, perhaps, all are 'co-eds,' as women here are accorded the same privileges and opportunities as men and on an equal footing. But we can not hope that a literal interpretation of the term is always intentioned. The time has not yet come when all remembrance of its origin and of the circumstances which gave rise to it are forgotten. So it is incumbent upon us to discountenance as far as possible its use."

There was something in this which was not clear. Some would view its indirectness and incompleteness as only a part of the blindness of phraseology which sometimes marks college editorial utterances, when they are on subjects which have real importance in the editorial mind. This explanation did not satisfy the Weekly. It is not given to any such uncomplimentary construction of Palo Alto editorials. Therefore investigations were pushed in the immediate vicinity of the Palo Alto's home with zeal for a space of time. Discoveries have been made, but no satisfactory solution of the editorial invective could be found.

It may have indirectly something to do with it, that those called "co-eds" in the California colleges do not like the appellation. They say that they wish to be known simply as the women students of the University. Some of them—we trust a small minority—have insisted on the official and formal use of the word "ladies," and have succeeded at one of the universities in having the women's lunch and retiring room called the "Ladies' Room." This is certainly bad, and, without involving ourselves or straining diplomatic usage, it should be perfectly proper to express the hope that the women students may triumph over the ladies.

And it would be gallant to add that we hoped that they would altogether rout those of the other sex who insist on the use of the word "co-eds." But there is no use in expressing vain hopes, and we expect to see many impossible things, before this can be. The word is already strengthened in usage by the support of a counterpart, the name "ed" being used on the Pacific Slope to designate a student who isn't a co-ed—to wit, a man student. Things are even worse than this, and the words "ed" and "co-ed" are used as common designations of sex, not alone in the human family. "Where the development will stop," said a traveler who has watched etymology much in California universities, "no ed but a philologist can say."

It is pleasant that there are no such problems here at Yale. It does not seem to make any difference what nomenclature is used. The women students constitute a more and more flourishing department of the University. They have been represented as "co-eds" in various theatrical productions, but have never rebelled. Perhaps that is why they are more and more often referred to simply as the women students.

THE CURTIUS LIBRARY.

Many Old and Valuable Volumes Come to Yale.

The library of the late German archaeologist and philologist, Ernst Curtius of Berlin, which was presented to Yale University last fall by J. M. Sears, '77, of Boston, Mass., has been received by the librarian of the University Library, and has been found to be in excellent condition. A careful examination shows that it is in no way disappointing, and that it makes the Yale collector of books on Greek archaeology, probably the best in the country.

The number of volumes in the library is 3,500 with as many pamphlets. Many of these volumes are large and expensive folios, as the complete set of publications of the Greek and Latin inscriptions, by the Berlin Academy and the British Museum, etc., amounting to more than thirty volumes, of which the list price would be about \$700. Another set of publications, the Monumenti, Anali and Bulletin, of the old Archaeological Institute at Rome, cannot be obtained for less than \$400. Other sets of a comparatively small number of volumes, but of great intrinsic and pecuniary value, could be named, but to enumerate important works in this department which are not in this library, would be a briefer task than to give a catalogue of those which are here.

The library shows that it has been gathered by a master hand, who has carefully selected only the works of real value. Of the pamphlets most are now out of print, and many of real importance are not to be found when most needed, by the ordinary scholars.

Mr. Sears has conferred an additional benefit upon the University, by declaring it is his wish that the library should be placed where it can do the most good, and not necessarily kept intact, where it would be less useful, although more conspicuous. As the University Library already contains several hundred duplicate volumes, the duplicates will be desposed of to the Classical Club, to be placed in its library. These will be sold to the Classical Club at their market value, and the proceeds devoted to developing the classical side of the University Library.

The Classical Club celebrated the arrival of the Curtius Libray by inviting Dr. Robert P. Keep, '65, well known as the principal of the Norwich Free Academy and as a classical scholar, and who lived for some time in the home of Ernst Curtius, to make an address on the life and labors of the eminent historian of Greece. Among others who spoke on the same topic, were President Dwight, Prof. Thomas D. Seymour, Prof. John H. Wright of Harvard University and Mr. Robinson, of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. All of the speakers, with the exception of President Dwight, were personally acquainted with Prof. Curtius, and gave entertaining reminiscences of their association with him in Greece.

Washington's Birthday Celebrations.

Washington's Birthday, as of old, brought to the Freshmen the privilege of carrying canes, and to the Sophomores that of wearing high hats. It was rather a doubtful privilege to the latter, for they had to contend for their rights in a fiercely waged snow fight.

Shortly after breakfast the Sophomores began to gather about the Fence, wearing high hats, which were more remarkable for the marks of service which they bore, than for the lateness of their patterns. By ten o'clock nearly one hundred and fifty of the '99 men had gathered. They formed in line and marched, in lock step, down Chapel Street, to Malley and Neely's. They turned in there and marched through the entire store and out again onto Chapel Street. From there they went to "Heublein's," and through there. They then started to return to the Campus, by way of Phelps Gateway. But here the line of march was interrupted by a crowd composed of members from each of the other classes. However these were put to flight, and the Sophomores made their way to the fence, where they arranged themselves, to have their pictures taken. This was not approved of by the other classes and an extremely fierce snow fight was the result. All was done though with perfectly good feeling, and no one came off much the worse, with the exception of a few bruises.

A literary club has been formed in the Sophomore class called the Sheridan Club. The club meets once a week to read the works of Sheridan.

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In FLEMISH WARE decorated in colors, GERMAN WARE, brown DOULTON, blue with College Seal Growlers "Here's to good old Yale" are shown by THE GEORGE H. FORD COMPANY.

The Academy Scholium for January, 1897, prints a "Letter From Yale," written by Howard B. Woolston on some of the old college customs and codes of discipline.

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