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THE DEBATE.

What we are pleased to believe are good observers, have told elsewhere, at some length, the story of Yale's victory at Cambridge, and the worthy contest there on the highest plane of university rivalry which has yet been reached by the representatives of the old friends and foes—Harvard and Yale.

There is a good deal suggested by that meeting on the platform, that great and splendid audience which crowded Sanders' Theater to the window-sills of the upper gallery. Much of it is told in the account which the Weekly's news columns contain, but one needed to be in the audience to catch fully the spirit and meaning of it. Those who were there would not, we are sure, have forbidden anything in the way of self-congratulation on the part of those who have, by their often unappreciated but unvanquished efforts, under conditions that, to the eye that could not see beyond the immediate present, were most discouraging, hastened on the good times of the renaissance in one of the noblest and most essential arts in which university men should excel, and who thus became forerunners and heralds of these better times.

Some of the best friends of debate have wondered at times just how long the popular interest would be maintained, and whether it would fall back again and die out soon. This result cannot be expected now. It is not necessary to speak of the conditions in the outside world, which were so emphasized in the last campaign, and which invited the orator to the service of his fellows and his country. Nor is it necessary to speak of the "godlike power" itself, of which ex-Gov. Chamberlain wrote so eloquently in the last issue of this paper.

It is enough to know that the interest of our universities and of our students is so keen to-day. It was something more than mere college spirit which filled Sanders' Theater. The quick appreciation of every good point, the great enthusiasm with which the best blows for one side or the other were honored, told a natural, deep interest in forensic struggle. There were in the audience men who had no interest in either Yale or Harvard and who had never had a college training. They were among the most interested listeners.

But college debate is yet in a very crude form. It is not to the discredit

of those who now excel in it, to say this. With little aid or inspiration from others they have developed their power. How much greater will the future be, how much keener than ever the interest, how much more hopefully shall we look to the work of university men in and for the Commonwealth when the high and noble art of oratory shall be given its place in the university training and shall be given its power and inspiration for the students, by the mind and spirit of some great master. The present is only the beginning of what should be and what may be, if opportunities are taken advantage of.

THE ORANGE DINNER.
No apology is in order for taking up a great deal of the paper this week with an account of the Orange Alumni Association dinner. Those who know the character of this Association, who are familiar with the speakers who were present at the dinner, and who remember some of its former dinners, need not be told that it is hard to find better material for the paper than that which they furnish. It seems, from the reading, to have been a well-balanced feast; not all fun and glorification, but with many a suggestion for the serious side of life, as it stands before university men. However, there is much more to come from reading the account than from being talked to about it.

Professor Phillips talked as a Yale representative should talk when he said that Yale had an insatiable appetite. Legacies, both great and small, could not satisfy her. He took the proper step, too, when he indicated some of the delectable dishes in the University equipment, on which her hungry eyes were now fixed. Those who call Yale wealthy because of the total value of the plant and the additions in recent years, do not at all appreciate what are the burdens of such development as has marked the course of Yale in these latter days.

Corporation Nomination.
No announcement has been made of any particular candidacy for the vacancy in the Corporation caused by the expiration of the term of Mr. Edward G. Mason, '60, of Chicago. It is known, however, that Mr. Mason will allow his name to be presented for nomination. As far as the wishes of the alumni have been observed, it seems to be the general wish that would, probably, if necessary, be formulated into a strong demand, that he should stand for reelection to the post which he has filled with so much zeal and success.

The "Lit." Banquet.
The sixty-first annual banquet of the Yale Literary Magazine was held at the New Haven House, Monday evening, March 29, at 8 o'clock. Covers were laid for forty and a quartet from the Glee Club rendered a number of selections. Donald G. Mitchell, '41, and Professor H. A. Beers, were expected to be present, but were prevented at the last minute. The Faculty was represented by Professors T. R. Lounsbury and W. L. Phelps. Harvard and Princeton were represented by Henry W. Miller of the Harvard Monthly, and A. W. Leonard of the Nassau Lit., respectively. Frederick Tilney, '97, and C. P. Kitchel, '97, acted as toastmasters and the following toasts were responded to:
The Retiring Board.....C. P. Kitchel, '97
"The end crowns all."
—Troilus and Cressida.
The Incoming Board.....F. A. Lord, '98
"This morning and my day has dawned."
—Prologue to the Prisoner of Zenda.
St. Elihu.....Prof. T. R. Lounsbury, '59
"His youth and age
All of a piece throughout, and all divine."
—Dryden.
The Harvard Monthly...Mr. H. W. Miller
"Oh, here's to Johnny Harvard!"
The Nassau Lit.....Mr. A. W. Leonard
"We'll unite to shout and sing
Long life to old Nassau."
Chi Delta Theta...Prof. W. L. Phelps, '87
"No muse hath been so bold,
Or of the latter, or the old,
Those elish secrets to unfold."
The speeches were unusually interesting and entertaining. The idea of having representative guests from Harvard and Princeton was referred to by several speakers as a most gratifying custom, which should be repeated in the future.

A CRITIC'S VIEW
The Debate Reviewed—Individual Work of Speakers.

A man who has been for many years directly interested in college debating, and who listened to the contest at Sanders' Theater, Friday night, furnishes The Weekly with the following:

"An unusually well-balanced team, careful and thorough preparation for every conceivable Harvard position, a consequent flexibility of argument, and splendid team work, gave Yale the victory.

"It was clearly evident from the very first that Harvard was not ready to meet Yale's objections to the definite adoption of the single gold standard. The Yale men took them by surprise. Their arguments were constructed only to meet the economic side of the question handled by Macfarland. Yet he quoted, with great effect, Professor Taussig of Harvard, and they made no effort to qualify it. Clark's argument they did not grapple with, and Studinski's political argument they hardly touched.

"The work of the Yale men showed clearly their careful preparation. They did not leave themselves open at a single point. Despite ingenious Harvard attempts to decoy them, they were not once swerved from the position they had taken. While Harvard was making a popular appeal to the sympathies of the audience in favor of its interpretation of the question, the Yale men were one by one, piling up straight and ingenious arguments aimed at the judges, proving that their interpretation was the only possible one, and then going on with the argument.

"The Yale team work was magnificent. While each man held closely to his own specific aspect of the case, he showed its relation to the argument as a whole. Each man paved the way for the other without treading on the other's territory. The effect was to give a connected and cumulative argument. The Yale presentation was direct and progressive from the opening of Macfarland's speech to the close of Studinski's. Such team work was made possible by the fact that the team was a well-balanced one. This is shown by the fact that different newspaper accounts gave the first place to each of the Yale men.

INDIVIDUALS.
"Regarding the individual men, the Harvard Crimson says: 'The best all-around man for Yale was C. S. Macfarland, who delivered his clear-cut arguments in a careful and convincing manner. He spoke convincingly. His form was good, but a little too quiet. Clark was good in argument, but was at times almost inaudible. He made his points well but was rather deliberate. The same was true to some extent of Studinski, whose form, however, was for the most part good. He argued in a clear, convincing manner.'

"The Yale men's presence on the platform was dignified and courteous. Not one of them made the slightest answer to Dobyns' charge that they were "quibbling" and that they were "trying to win by a trick." Their only answers to this were their carefully prepared arguments in support of their position. They did not make a single retort that had the slightest tinge of discourtesy.

"In rebuttal Yale was far ahead. The Harvard rebuttals, on the other hand, were directed at the position they expected Yale would take, and not the position she took.

"Harvard had a good team; but it was not ready to meet Yale's line of argument. It looked as though their speeches and rebuttals had been prepared too definitely in advance to meet a totally different set of expected Yale objections. They did not hold so well together as a team.

"With regard to form, Harvard was clearly ahead. In elocution and gracefully they could give points to the Yale men.

"A word should be added. Yale's readiness was due in no small measure to what is known as the 'Yale spirit.' No little credit is due to the many men from the Union, Leonard Bacon and Kent Clubs, who have stood up before the Yale team presenting possible Harvard positions. Sometimes they knocked out Yale arguments. Perhaps it was because they did, that Harvard couldn't last Friday night. This work of the alternates, Hume and Garvan, and the many others who joined with them, should not be forgotten."

Prof. Charles H. Hinton, M. A., Professor of Mathematics at Princeton, has perfected his new machine for pitching curved balls, and thus saving the pitcher's arm in practice. The machine has already been used successfully.

Steins or : : : Cankards.

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In order to stimulate more interest in the Scientific Debating Club, which has been losing its support during the past few months, two prizes of ten dollars each have been offered to the two men who are chosen to represent the club in the trials for the Princeton debating team. Also a letter has been sent by the president of the club to every man in the Scientific School, urging his support and appearance at the meetings.

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