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"An institution with two thousand students and two hundred teachers which moves on its course along the lines of advance in education, is to grow into an institution having four hundred instructors and four thousand students, and having its movement into new fields of study and in the sphere of higher ideals and higher possibilities. The thought that the demands of such an institution can be supplied from the resources already at command, or from the gifts which will be received in the early future, is an idle thought for which there is no foundation. The law of all growing life is, that it continually asks for more. When the asking ceases, the life begins to decline and decay."—From President Dwight's Report.

THE NEXT WEEKLY.
The next issue of the Weekly is on April 29. This is in accordance with the custom of the paper at the time of the Easter recess.

SCHOLARSHIPS VS. PRIZES.
Scholarships seem to be better appreciated in the universities to-day than prizes. Harvard has quite an abundance of attractions for special work of the latter kind, which are quite indifferently competed for. The report for the last year shows that some of the best of the prizes there in various branches had very few competitors and that a number of them could not be awarded on account of the quality of the work.

Yale is not overburdened with prizes, and the best of them here retain their attraction for the students. Some are even more earnestly competed for than ever. The Ten Eyck competition continues keen and the honor of award in this competition of oratory and writing has placed it very high in the list of college honors. The Deforest winner is also a man much envied in the eyes of his fellows and succeeding classes show, if we are correctly informed, no less zeal in their work for this prize. The announcement of awards at Commencement seems to be the piece of information in possession of the Presi-

dent which is awaited with the intensest interest. The John A. Porter University prize of \$250, open to all candidates for a degree has developed an increasing number of essays of much merit in latter years.

The conspicuous announcement of the award of more important prizes at Yale makes the general interest probably all the more keen. The Harvard correspondent of the New York Evening Post gives as one of the reasons for the falling off of the interest there, the formal, very quiet way in which the announcement is made.

It does not yet seem to be the case that there is an excess of prizes at Yale. However, we can learn from Harvard's experience. As long as there is doubt as to just how far one kind of stimulus to special effort may be appreciated, it is not well to hazard all too scanty resources. There is a way of stimulating study and of giving men of brains and limited means the best opportunities for study along their own lines, which is never in danger of being unpopular.

This means is by scholarships. Yale has not enough scholarships and rather than to increase her prizes, excellent as they are, it is right to urge those who wish to stimulate the best work here by the best men, to give their means to the founding of scholarships. After most serious and active effort on the part of the friends of the school, the William Wirt Winchester fellowship prize was established in the Art School. There is no doubt about its popularity. Competition this year is keen. The fellowship prize is \$1,500, and gives the winner two years' study at Paris. Yale's splendidly successful Musical Department needs such aid more than anything else now, to make its work most effectual. Three good scholarships, to allow their winners to spend a year or more in Europe, where a musical education can be best perfected, would have an immediate effect in original and earnest work. But this is only a suggestion.

Scholarships are needed in almost every line of liberal study here. They form the logical way of advancing education and developing the very best scholars. By their means a man with little or no money can begin his life's work as well equipped as he whose allowance is unlimited. The winning of a scholarship is the winning of an honored position, and not the securing of beneficiary aid. Yale's University development should be marked by a large increase in scholarships.

Our rowing expert has it on the very best authority that it is the high aim of the Yale oarsmen to "rip the catch through." We have never seen the catch ripped through, but it has been carefully observed by men of high reliability, who assure us that we should not take undue alarm. Every one used to be a good deal disturbed to learn that the University oarsmen "fell over on the finish," or at last report had "hung on the catch." But the monotony of these dramatic experiences somewhat blunted the keen edge of anguish. This latest sensational report has, it must be admitted, stirred people up a good deal, but until more is definitely known, we urge all to keep perfectly cool.

In Memoriam.
To the Editor of the Yale Alumni Weekly, Sir:—
One or two inaccuracies in the notice of the death of Laurens Hamilton, in a recent issue of The Weekly, perhaps do not necessitate reproducing the facts of his short life and his most untimely death. At the same time, I wish to see the record in this paper complete and accurate in all details, of one who had to do with important steps in the paper's development.
Laurens Hamilton was less than twenty-five years old when he died on the 19th of last month, in New York, after a week's illness, which was prolonged for this brief time only by the splendid spirit with which its fierce attack was met, and the excellent constitution which resisted for a time a disease that promised from the start to be swiftly fatal. Laurens Hamilton was

born in New York on the 14th of September, 1872, and was the son of William Gaston and Helen M. Pierson Hamilton.

His preparation for college at St. Paul's School and the interesting incidents of his life at Yale, including his membership in the Junior Promenade Committee and his editorial position on the News Board have been set down in these columns. An error occurred in noting the place of his business since leaving college. He was connected with the Manhattan Trust Company, of New York City.

And a second reference to this very sad event is not made because it is hoped after recovery from the first sharp sense of loss to be able to indicate in any satisfactory way just what that loss means to those who knew well Laurens Hamilton. It was, however, impossible to refer to it at the time.

Now, when one has time to think quietly of his association with this young son of Yale, it is possible to touch a single point which, from the Yale and general, college standpoint makes the life and death of such an one of significance. He typified college character in perhaps its most attractive and most excellent forms. One hears in the life in a college community of many a popular man. One also not infrequently meets directly, or through his friends, those characters that are correctly described as lovable. But popularity is not the term with which one is satisfied when he wishes to learn what a man really is, and the word lovable does not carry with it the highest points of character. The one may mean a mere compliance with environment. The other may mean a warm-heartedness that is often unaccompanied with positive force.

When, however, one of whom his classmates use both these words always in speaking, is known also to have his own clear ideas of the right way to live and to hold to them, and, in matters practical, shows clear judgment and good sense and ability to do those things which are given him to do, when placed in any position of responsibility, then there is a kind of man whose high rating as a friend is easily understood and for whom the general good will is a strong compliment. I believe it was because of this very happy combination that all those who knew Laurens Hamilton had invariably such a good word for him.

His gentlemanliness was genuine and hence his courtesy invariable in all his dealings with his fellows. His short record in the service of the company with which he was connected since graduation demonstrated still further the more substantial qualities which he had shown in college.

It is due to the influences of such lives as men live who are of such grain and fibre and spirit, as was Laurens Hamilton, that college life has such a strong hold on all who take it in the right spirit, leaving with them a memory and an influence, which experiences most adverse do not weaken, and by means of which they hold their faith in their fellows.

Professor Eugene L. Richards who has been away during the entire college year owing to illness, has returned to New Haven. His leave of absence was for the period of an entire year, however, and he will not resume his classes until next September.

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