

**THE LATE "HANDSOME DAN."**

**Sympathetic Tributes to the Great Yale Mascot.**

Since the death of "Handsome Dan" many tributes have been paid to Yale's old mascot. One of the most appreciative was the following from the Hartford Courant:

"'Handsome Dan,' who at one time was conspicuous among Yale athletes, has died in England. Dan was a bulldog and he wore the blue ribbon. This marked his allegiance to Yale and also indicated his 'Murphyite' principles. He never looked upon the wine when it was red, but was satisfied with blood. In personal appearance he seemed like a

Hopkins. Part way up the climb, Dan, who weighed a good many ounces to the pound, gave out. He was tied to a tree beside the path and this party went on and spent the day on the mountain. No other party went up, however, that day. Other parties proceeded until they met Dan; then they went home to report progress. He thought he was detailed for guard duty—and so did they.

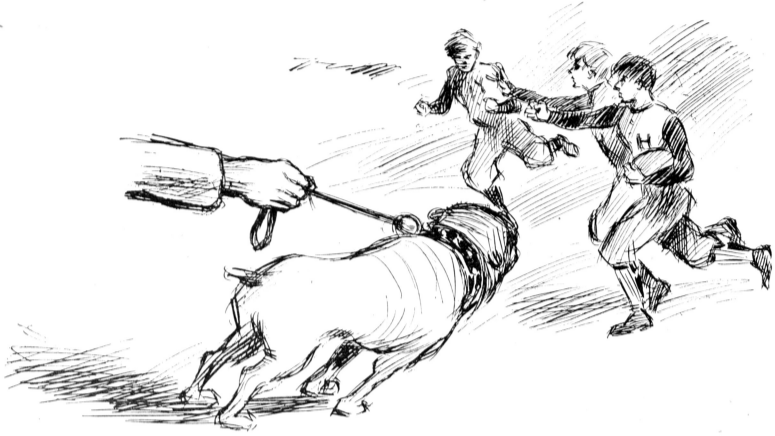
"When the summer was over Dan had to come home in the baggage car while his adopted family had a through sleeper. After midnight they were all awakened by a loud notification that nobody in the Albany depot, not the bravest baggage-smasher, could persuade the dog to leave the baggage car and either he must be abandoned by his friends or the car be abandoned by the company. When he saw a friend he readily came out and the railroad was able to continue business, but he

music just now in the bull-dog corner."

The Philadelphia Press sketches the dog's career as follows: "To all lovers of dogs throughout the country, and to Yale men especially, the news of the death of Handsome Dan in London will bring back a crowd of memories. Handsome Dan was a magnificent specimen of the English bulldog, and for several years has figured regularly as the Yale mascot at all the big football and baseball games in which Yale has played. One would need only to glance over the athletic record of this University to appreciate the position which Dan holds in the hearts of Yale men. He was their hero of heroes, and the appearance of his battle-scarred countenance on the football field never failed to draw forth a cheer. The superstitious will have to search far before they find as successful a mascot as Dan was to Yale.

"Handsome Dan was also well known to dog fanciers both in this country and on the other side of the water. He was a thoroughbred English bulldog, and his record is a remarkable one. He was bred by a man named North, and his parents were a couple of thoroughbreds named Caliban and Peggy. His father, Caliban, was an extensive prize-winner. Dan was born ten years ago and was bought when a puppy by "Andy" Graves, a Yale graduate of the class of '93S. He turned out to be probably the finest specimen of English bulldog in the United States. Time after time dogs of his class were sent over from England to compete with him, but he won almost invariably. The American Field Cup he won four times, and the fifth victory, necessary to possession, was lost only by a slight trouble of the eye, which had run in the family, and was just then developing. His first prize was won at the New York dog show in 1891. His last appearance at a dog show was at the New York dog show last year.

"A favorite trick was to tell him to 'speak to Harvard.' He would bark ferociously and work himself into physical contortions of rage never before dreamed of by a dog. Dan was peculiar to himself in one thing—he would never associate with any one but students. Dan implanted himself more firmly in the hearts of Yale students than any mascot had ever done before, and he was a prime favorite with every one in college."



cross between an alligator and a horned frog, and he was called handsome by the metaphysicians under the law of compensation. The title came to him; he never sought it. He was always taken to games in a leash, and the Harvard foot ball team for years owed its continued existence to the fact that the rope held.

"Dan was a no stranger hereabouts. He spent a summer with a Hartford family and was taken by them to the Adirondacks. One day he insisted on starting with a party bound up Mount

took no advice from strangers. If he took anything from them it was their peace of mind or their clothing or their sense of comfort.

"Dan left us for England some time ago and Yale and America, practically synonymous, have both survived the separation; hence his death will not be an irreparable blow. Indeed, his presence was always felt a good deal more than his absence; and if he has gone to that heaven which some humane people think exists for animals, we venture the prediction that there is

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**Junior Society Elections.**

The following members of the Junior Class were initiated into the Junior fraternities, Tuesday, April 13:

Into Psi Upsilon, Robert W. Archbald, Jr., of Scranton Pa.; Brainard W. Parker, of Washington, D. C.; Howard D. Reeve, of Appleton, Wis.

Into Delta Kappa Epsilon, Charles W. Burnett of Cincinnati, O.; Robert C. Neal, Jr., of Harrisburg, Pa.; Julien A. Ripley, of New York City.

Into Alpha Delta Phi—Samuel E. Bassett, of Wilton, Conn.; Robert S. Hume, of Washington, D. C.; Stuart W. Jackson, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Into Zeta Psi—George M. Ridley, of St. Louis, Mo.

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