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THE 2.25 RULE.

Yale athletics have suffered, from one point of view, unusually in the last six months, from the application of the 2:25 rule. It cost the Football Team a half back, it has already deprived the Nine of one of its pitchers and it threatens dire things to the Track Team. This is a loss from that standpoint which judges athletics by scores. From a truer test, the conclusion may be different.

The rule is open at once to the charge of unjust discrimination against those who have the energy and ability and character to devote themselves successfully to athletics or other representative pursuits, like work with the musical clubs or on a college paper, and in favor of those who have no energy and show no ability, and little character. The loafers can continue their loafing and those who are given to much merrymaking can continue their merrymaking 'neath the elms of Yale, if they keep their classroom record up to two on the scale of four. An athlete must desist from his healthful work for the University team, and the would-be editor, at least in the Scientific School, must temporarily pigeonhole his aspirations, if he does not, at the same time, make a classroom record better, by a large percentage, than the loafer or the merrymaker. In other words, if he tries to do anything, he must do a great deal more. It is rather a reversal of the rule that "to him that hath shall be given."

There is another view of it, though, and it is really the practical view. Athletes, college musicians, and college journalists have undertaken special work, entirely outside of the regular curriculum, which, in itself, endangers or at least makes more difficult, proper classroom work. Despite a sympathy which is at times felt for the man who thought Yale would be a very pleasant place if it were not for its religious and literary exercises, there is a consensus of opinion that at least one of the reasons for coming here is to "study some." And it is certainly a part of the business of the Faculty to see that those who start to go through College, shall do a modicum of studying and shall reach graduation day on schedule time.

It is also true that these men, athletes, musicians, and journalists, are easily classified. The Faculty have

them plainly in sight and have the particular temptations and dangers of their positions plainly in sight. They act accordingly. A Faculty member was queried a short time ago by a University Captain as to why the loafer and the merrymaker were not treated in the same way. The reply was that they would be if they could be as easily classified.

It is true that the athlete and the others who are ruled against in this way do often need a comfortable margin in order to keep their honorable connection with their class. It is also true that when they don't keep their honorable connection with their class, they not only do themselves harm but they do the College or the University harm. The college athlete is a man in the public eye. If he is dropped, the echo thereof is heard 'round the (college) world. On the whole, it seems to us that the 2:25 rule is a good rule, but it would not do any harm if there were a little more co-operation at times between those who know just how near the stepping-off place the candidate is walking, and the University Captain who, quite unconscious of any danger, has begun to frame his whole policy on the belief in this man's presence on his team. If the Division Officer or Class Faculty can not do this any more than it is done at present, then there should be some man here who knows just what these dangers are and can warn the Captain earlier in the season and assist him in discovering just where his charges stand, and help keep them off slippery places. On the one hand is an experienced Faculty relentlessly doing its duty; on the other hand is the Captain, who knows the duties and dangers of his position only by tradition, and very often a Freshman in his charge who does not know his duties and his dangers at all. There is an important wheel in the athletic system at Yale which either doesn't work at all or very erratically. We do not believe it would do violence to any good tradition if athletics, and the College at large, as far as it is affected by athletics, had the benefit of experience and maturity in the way of general counsel in such matters, from somebody.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

One of the best bits of news in President Dwight's Report was the information that \$50,000, given without restriction by the late George Bliss, of New York, had been turned over to the general endowment of the Medical School. That branch of the University has been doing very good work, and has already shown itself quite entitled to the most generous treatment on the part of those who would aid medicine and who would aid Yale. This acquisition of \$50,000 comes also at the same time that the bequest of the late Dr. Hunt of Hartford is realized. This amounts to \$25,000 and while its exact disposition has not yet been determined, it will undoubtedly add to the equipment of the School in some practical and substantial way. An addition of \$75,000 makes a good year for the Medical School and it is the very earnest hope of all those who know about the School that this will be only the beginning.

New Arrangement of Sophomore Mathematics.

Two sections will be offered the Sophomores next year in the Elective Mathematical course. The first is designed for those who intend to carry mathematical studies into the higher branches and includes Graphic Algebra, the Elements of Analytical Geometry, and the introductory Principles of the Differential and Integral Calculus. The second section teaches the principles of Plane and Spherical Trigonometry applied to Mensuration, Surveying, Navigation and the elementary problems of Practical Astronomy, and is desirable for those who are ready to drop Mathematics at the end of the Sophomore year.

A METEORITE DISCOVERED

And Presented to the Peabody Museum by Class of 1857.

The Mineralogical Collection of the Peabody Museum has recently received a very important contribution, through the generosity of members of the Class of 1857. This is a meteoric stone weighing sixty five pounds, and both for its size and mineralogical structure of a very unusual degree of interest.

It was found April 10th, 1894, by Mr. H. T. Martin, on the Smoky Hill River, Gove County, Kansas, about fifteen miles east of Jerome. Mr. Martin was then engaged in hunting fossils, and his attention was attracted by this mass, whose appearance was quite foreign to the rock of the neighborhood. It proved on examination to be a meteorite, of the circumstances of whose fall nothing has been learned. The same State has furnished a number of other meteorites at points considerably distant from that where the present one was discovered, and it is possible that some of them may prove to have been parts of the same original meteor. The exhaustive chemical and microscopic examination which will be undertaken before long at the Museum will serve to establish the peculiar characters of the specimen and to bring out any relationship to others, if such exists.

It is very rare to obtain meteoric stones of this size, for while masses of meteoric iron are often much larger (the well-known Texas iron in the Peabody Museum weighs 1635 pounds), the more fragile character of the stones usually results in their being broken up into much smaller masses before they reach the earth. The largest stone hitherto preserved in the Yale collection is one which fell at Weston, Connecticut, early in the century; its weight is about half that of the Kansas meteorite. The British Museum, it may be mentioned, has only two stones which are as large as this new one.

The stone has been placed in the center of the case devoted to meteorites in the Mineral Room.

The Northfield Conference.

The World's Student Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations will be held from June 25 to July 4, at Northfield, Mass. This date conflicts with the Commencement exercises of Yale and many other colleges, and so the attendance of college men will be somewhat less than usual, but as all arrangements had been made for the above dates it was impossible to change the time. The list of platform speakers is as follows: President Francis L. Patton, D.D., LL.D., Princeton University; Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D.D., Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D., New York City; Mr. James L. Houghteling, President of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Rev. A. F. Schaeffer, D.D., of New York City. Mr. Moody will also preside at the platform meetings. Professor E. I. Bosworth, Oberlin College, will conduct the Normal Training classes. Mr. L. Wilbur Messer, Chicago, will have charge of the work in Normal Devotional Bible Study, with reference to training men to lead such classes in College Associations.

A registration fee of \$5 must be paid before rooms will be assigned. If any delegate should be unable to attend, this amount will be returned if notification be given before June 19th. Further information may be had by writing to H. W. Georgi, 40 East Twenty-third Street, New York City.

In the first game of the Yale Inter-scholastic Baseball League played May 1, Bridgeport High School defeated the Hillhouse High School by a score of 13 to 4.

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