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## THE CAMPUS LIFE.

The exercises of Omega Lambda Chi evening, brief though they were, and abbreviated, as to the climax, by the elimination of a general engagement at the Fence between the classes of '99 and 1900, still indicated a wholesome spirit and the health of excellent tradition. What will become of such events, when the quadrangle is cleared internally (if so be that all things historic are to be removed from it) and a plan is actually carried out for producing a pleasing effect to the eye in green grass and clean-cut paths, and, mayhap, shrubs and other elements of the art of the landscape gardener?

Can these exercises be transferred to some specially provided ground for general "games" (if we may be allowed to draw on the vernacular of the Campus for a most expressive term) some distance from the Campus? We hardly think this can be done, and we know that Yale life will lose, if robbed of any such wholesome features. The conditions that daily threaten the things we call Yale life, of which the valuable element is the Yale spirit. There is no use in denying it. The increasing size of the University and the growth of New Haven are factors which are in themselves hostile to the preservation of some of the features which were most prized by the Yale graduates of not more than eight or ten years ago. These conditions are not fatal to these valued elements of Yale life by any means, and the robustness and vigor of that life are amply testified to by the way in which it has stood up against these adverse conditions. But it can not be given an unfavorable environment without being affected by it, and it ought to be the most earnest aim of all who have to do with the government of the University to resist and to offset all the unfavorable influences that now crowd about and upon the social life of the undergraduates, and to ever bear in mind in planning for the future of Yale, that there is that in her possession which is worth more than all the millions and tens of millions that may come to her in her material development, than which none of her treasures should be more zealously guarded. It is worth while providing for the social life and spirit of Yale. It is not wise to assume that it will take care of itself.

## PRESIDENT ELIOT'S CRITICISMS.

President Eliot does not like sports in which there is the feature of personal contact and says he speaks for the Harvard Corporation, too. His objection, presumably, is that sports are more or less like prize fighting, and in so far bad for both contestants and spectators. Football is, of course, the game especially aimed at.

This condemnation rests upon the abuses of football. We say that, for we presume that President Eliot would not condemn it simply because there is a chance of men getting hurt in the play. Of course, the chance always exists, but if we eliminate sports from the training of young men simply on this ground, we will throw overboard many another good game and pastime along with football, and dispose of some of the best education we have. The President of Harvard has in mind the unfortunate results which come from the playing of the game, or the preparation of players, by those who have not a high and sensitive standard of honor and who are unable to control themselves. The remedy is to dispose of such men altogether, and not to dispose of the splendid game which they bring into disrepute.

President Eliot's last criticism of athletics has many another point to which we cannot take exception. We of course do not refer to his animadversion on the athletes of Harvard. This is rather surprising, but is purely a Harvard matter. He is on the right track in what he says on excessive cheering in support of a team, which is often merely an attack on the opposing team, and the dangers to true college sport from the spirit of commercialism.

On the whole, President Eliot is more optimistic than usual, and whether one agrees with him or not, he cannot but be interested in his forceful and frank opinions.

## Divinity School Endowment.

61 Trumbull Street,  
New Haven, Conn., May 27, 1897.  
To the Editor of The Yale Alumni Weekly, Sir:

In your issue of May 20th the endowments of the Yale Divinity School are referred to in an editorial as "magnificent." This statement conveys a wrong impression. Relatively the Yale Divinity School is not magnificently endowed. According to the last report, that of 1893-94 of the United States Commissioner of Education the following are the endowments of several of the leading theological schools of our country:

Andover Theological Seminary (Congregational) \$610,000.

Auburn Theological Seminary (Presbyterian), \$637,000.

Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregational), \$1,185,772.

Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston, Chicago (Methodist), \$700,000.

General Theological Seminary New York (Protestant Episcopal), \$787,859.

Princeton Theological Seminary (Presbyterian), \$1,317,897.

Union Theological Seminary New York (Presbyterian), \$1,250,000.

Yale Divinity School, \$574,459.

In addition to these eight theological schools, having greater endowments than the Yale Seminary, must be added the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago (Presbyterian), and the Baptist Seminary in connection with the Chicago University.

Since the publication of this report the endowment of the Yale Divinity School has increased to above \$600,000, but is fair to presume that the endowments of the other theological schools have also increased proportionately.

Edward J. Curtis.

The word "endowment" was improperly used in the Editorial. The reference was to the large sums of money given in the form of scholarships and other aid to students.

## DR. ELIOT ON ATHLETICS.

He Doesn't Like Processions or Howling at Games.

Cambridge, Mass., May 24.—An address of much interest to undergraduates of the University during the past week was given by President Eliot last Wednesday evening in the Fogg Art Museum. The fact that the President is generally regarded by the students as an uncompromising foe to intercollegiate contests, and particularly to

football, tended to enhance the importance of what he might say. His remarks were more moderate than his previous utterances had led his hearers to expect they would be, and he was frequently cheered. His opening was devoted to sketching briefly the growth of athletics as a department of the University, and he related how the Harvard Delta had been used as a play ground, and how Jarvis Field, Holmes' Field, Norton's Field, and finally Soldiers' Field, had been successively secured and given over to student sports.

In discussing the position of the corporation toward athletics, he said that the members of that body approved of sports, but wanted those which called for brains and moral stamina. In this connection he said: "They would like to see the Harvard crew row a good hard race, even though it lost, but they object violently to the sort of processions which they have seen. . . . You have heard how in English regattas the boats pull up and pass one another. This is the kind of race that the corporation wants to see."

"They like to see a track team do as well in competition as in practice. Failure to equal the records made in practice seems to denote some discouraging moral failure under adverse conditions."

He then went on to criticize the continuous cheering at the games. "What is this 'support' of which we have heard so much? It is to cheer, to yell, to howl, and to howl the other crowd down. That represents exactly what the corporation is not interested in. A lawyer sometimes must plead when he has not the support of a single person in the room, or even in the city. The surgeon must make up his mind to operate when all the bystanders think that the step is desperate."

"Such support as is popularly demanded does not cultivate that kind of spirit. I have read for many years about this 'support' of teams. That is just what they ought not to be given. The team ought to do as well at New Haven as at Cambridge, even if there is not a Harvard man within one hundred miles at the time."

Referring to his personal experience in athletics, he spoke of the value of physical training to him in his work. He advocated sports in which players do not come in personal contact, such as boating, tennis, hunting and fishing. He spoke a good word for golf and discouraged football. Whether he would go so far as to advocate intercollegiate fishing to take the place of football he left to the conjecture of the listener.

In concluding he spoke in an optimistic vein of college athletics. The lessening of prominence given to the financial side of the question, the practice of playing games on college grounds, and, in general, the progress toward a purer amateur standard he commended. The new director of Harvard's rowing interests was commended. "We are much indebted to Mr. Lehmann for bringing here the best idea of amateur sport. It has been difficult to establish a right conception of amateur sport in this country, where there were no traditions, but we have made great progress. Still we have much to learn. We still charge admission fees, and have our huge grand stand and professional trainers."

It was a matter for regret that Dr. Eliot did not explain how a student can devote ten hours a day to study, which he advocates as the proper amount for the average student, and still give enough attention to athletics to furnish races instead of processions.

J. WESTON ALLEN.

## The Horoscope.

A horoscope has appeared within the last few days. This is the first publication of this pamphlet for several years. It is a simple booklet of nineteen pages without illustrations or advertisements. It is published anonymously, as usual.

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## Freshman Fence Orator.

The annual meeting of the Freshman class for the election of a fence orator was held in Alumni Hall at noon on Tuesday, May 25. The following names were placed in nomination: Julian Day, J. D. Dana and C. B. Thompson. Jesse Dwight Dana, of Brookline, Mass., was elected orator. This election was permitted by the Faculty inasmuch as no unseemly disturbance occurred at the Omega Lambda Chi celebration on the previous evening.

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