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TO 1901 AND 1900 S.

Yale knows very little about you yet; you know probably less about Yale. The way in which you shall make each others' acquaintance in the next few years is of some importance to Yale and of something like a life-and-death importance to you.

It is not the purpose of the WEEKLY to attempt to give you much information on this line. Most of it you have got to work out yourself if it is to be of any service to you. Nor is it our purpose to preach much of a sermon. You are being talked to a good deal now. You will be supplied with a great many "don'ts" and a great many "dos" and some of these rules it will be well for you to pay a great deal of attention to. As far as they relate to details in the way of customs, it is just as well to accept them, unless you see some very clear reason why you should not, for it is better to be in agreement with your environment when you can.

But we do urge you to make your real acquaintance with Yale in other ways than by second-hand information or by personal advice. In the opinion of most Yale men who have taken their Yale life in the right way, there is no place on this footstool which so encourages a man to work out the best that is in him as this same University. Some men work out their worst here, but they would, in almost every case, be sure to do it somewhere else if they hadn't come here. Some of these same men afterwards show that they have better things in them. There are not a few cases of late development and of reform, but these are exceptions only to the general rule, and confirm it. We do not hesitate to lay it down as a general statement that the man who isn't able to show good points while at Yale isn't liable to show many of them any time or anywhere.

If a man thinks about that he will not need many rules of action. He will work along the line of every self-respecting man who has any chance of making in life what may properly be called a success. He will lay it down, as the fundamental rule, to be himself; that is, to be his best self. He will be, first of all, and in spite of all, true to the best impulses that he has and to his best ambitions. Just as soon as he begins to work on this line, unless some of us, who have watched this place called Yale for a number of years, are

mistaken, he will find the strongest influences working with him, making his efforts many times more effective than it seemed to him at first they might be.

We ask all of you, from our interest in your success as Yale men and Yale's success through you, to think of this single, simple, principle seriously. Do not call it "talking generalities," for it isn't. If you do not know how to follow it, we humbly believe there is something wrong with you. It will do you good to find out. You do not need to be told that there will be some obstacles in the way, but you can be told that there will be less than anywhere else in life, and a better chance to get the right start on the right lines.

After you have once closed in on this as the guiding rule of action, this new world of college and university, bewilderingly full of opportunity, will begin to lay itself out before you, in orderly form. Things will fall into place. You will not find yourself lying awake of nights wondering whether you can attain to this or that particular college honor, which some men have called the criterion of a successful life at Yale. You will not spend your time trying to pick out who are or will be the possible "big men" of your class, or try to find out how some man in the class before you managed to attain as much success as he did, and to follow in his footsteps. You are not like him and you never can be. You are yourself and all Yale is constructed to make the best of that self. It was never intended to make you like anybody else.

We will venture to give a single rule, which applies to your new life as Yale men, in a way in which you can now hardly appreciate. It is, at the same time, a general and a very high rule of life-action. That makes us all the more glad to call it the first rule of life-action at Yale.

Give the best you have to Yale, if you wish to get Yale's best for yourself.

Those who have made the most of this place are those who have given the most to it. That statement is incontrovertible. When you have thought about that, and found out what it means, and tried it, for the first time you will begin to know what this thing called Yale life is.

AS TO GRASS.

A very commendable effort has been made the past vacation in the way of encouraging the timorous grass to dispute the possession of the sand of Yale with the aggressive dockweed. Not only have various uncanny spots of the old campus been thus given a soft hue and pleasing effect, but the hole made by the demolition of South Middle has been coated with a well developed beard of Timothy, or some equally sturdy variety. A simple but sufficient wire fence has kept the campus policemen off this plot, and it looks now as if Hotchkiss Green would not be a misnomer. No inalienable rights like Senior baseball have been interfered with, and so the students are disposed to co-operate with the Administration in this latest reform.

The *New York Herald* speaks of "generous, wealthy, grateful" Yale. We wish the *New York Herald's* adjectives were as reliable as its news columns generally are. Wealthy Yale! This makes one who knows the liabilities as well as the assets of this educational plant, smile. The holdings of the University foot up a handsome total. The demands upon the University foot up an even more impressive total.

CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.

Something about Recent Promotions, Resignations and Additions.

At the annual meeting of the Yale Corporation, June 29th, several changes were made in the Faculty, a brief record of which has already been made in the WEEKLY.

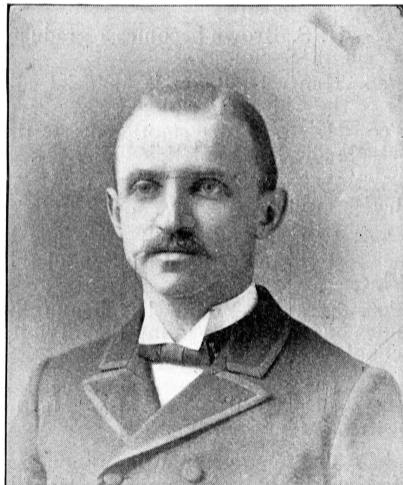
PROF. WHEELER'S RESIGNATION.

As announced last year, Albert S. Wheeler, for more than twenty-five years instructor in German in the Scientific School, has resigned. Mr. Wheeler was graduated from Geneva College, now Hobart College, in 1851. From '53-'56 he was a tutor in his alma mater and at the same time pursued the study of law. '57-'59 he was Professor of Rhetoric. In 1860 he became Professor of Greek and in the same year finished his law studies and was admitted to the New York State Bar. Until 1868 he remained at Hobart as Professor of Greek and from that time till 1871 he was Professor of Ancient Languages at Cornell. In 1872 he came to New Haven and has since that time been instructor of German in the Scientific School.

For about twenty years he has conducted a course in Roman Law in the Law School.

LOUIS V. PIRSSON.

Prof. Louis V. Pirsson was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School in 1882. In the Fall of that year he became an Assistant in Chemistry in the Scientific School and remained there until 1888. In the year 1892-3 his name is found among the instructors in the Scientific School as instructor in lithology, and in 1893-4 as instructor in



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geology and lithology. In 1894 he became Assistant Professor in Inorganic Geology, and last June he was promoted to a professorship in the same subject.

Prof. Pirsson was at one time an instructor in the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and has pursued his studies in Germany and France. At the same time with his work in the Scientific School, Prof. Pirsson was connected with the United States Geological Survey, for a number of years, spending four summers in Montana and the Yellowstone National Park.

PROF. CHARLES E. BEECHER.

Prof. Chas. E. Beecher, formerly Assistant Professor of Historical Geology in the Scientific School, has been promoted to be University Professor of Historical Geology and a member of the Governing Board of the Sheffield Scientific School. Prof. Beecher's University work will be instruction of graduate classes in geology and care of the collection of invertebrate fossils in the Peabody Museum. His work in the Scientific School will be instruction of Seniors in historical geology.

Prof. Beecher was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1878, receiving the degree of B.S. From 1878 till 1888 he was connected with the University of New York, in the New York State Museum, and in the New York State Geological Survey.

Prof. Beecher came to New Haven in 1888 and in 1889 received the degree of Ph.D., studying geology under Prof. Dana. In 1891 and 1892, during Prof. Dana's illness, Prof. Beecher con-

ducted his classes for him. In 1892 he was made Assistant Professor of Historical Geology in the Scientific School. In connection with his other work, Prof. Beecher has been Curator in the Museum of the invertebrate fossils, since 1888.

ROBERT NELSON CORWIN.

Dr. Robert Nelson Corwin, who was promoted to be assistant professor in German in the Sheffield Scientific School, was graduated from Yale in the Class of Eighty-Seven and soon afterwards went abroad to study German. He became instructor of German in the William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia, in the Fall of 1888 and remained there until 1890, when he again went abroad and for three years was tutoring and studying in Germany. Since the Fall of '92 he has been instructor of German in the Scientific School.

WILBUR L. CROSS.

Dr. Wilbur Lucius Cross, instructor of English in the Sheffield Scientific School, was promoted to assistant professor in the same subject. Dr. Cross was graduated from Yale in the Class of Eighty-Five and was the winner of the DeForest Medal. After graduation he became principal of the Staples High School at Westport, Conn. From the Fall of 1886 till June, 1889, he was again at Yale as a graduate student in English literature, receiving at the end of that time the degree of Ph.D. From 1889 to 1894 he held the position of instructor of English in the Shady-side Academy of Pittsburg, Pa., until, in June, 1894, he was appointed instructor in the same subject in the Scientific School.

J. W. D. INGERSOLL.

Dr. J. W. D. Ingersoll, who was made Assistant Professor of Latin by the Corporation last June, was graduated in the Class of Ninety-Two, of which he received the Valedictory. He was Douglass Fellow from 1892 to 1894, studying Semitic and Romance languages and classical philology. Yale gave him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1894. For two years thereafter he was made tutor of Greek in the College, and for the year 1896-7 was tutor in Latin.

CHARLES J. BARTLETT.

Dr. Charles J. Bartlett, who was promoted to an assistant professorship in pathology and bacteriology in the Yale Medical School, was graduated from Yale in the Class of Ninety-Two and returned in the Fall, taking a course in biology in the Scientific School, for

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