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ance had so great a faculty of making and keeping friends as he. His literary culture made him almost an authority on many subjects, and his opinion was asked and respected by many of the best writers. He devoted himself to no particular branch of literature, but was a master of many of them. It was only in his personal letters, and in conversation, however, that he gave expression to his views. His own wit was pointed, and his keen sense of humor was ever ready to appreciate the bright thoughts of others. As a friend he was true as steel and as a companion he was a host in himself. Loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact, it can well be said of him that no man can or would say aught but good of him. Many a man will say that death has robbed him of one of his best friends.

AUGUSTUS M. CUNNINGHAM, '69.

Judge Augustus M. Cunningham died suddenly at his home in Wakefield, R. I., on Friday, the 8th instant. He was the son of John Scott and Elizabeth (Brockett) Cunningham and was born in Washington on November 22, 1849. He studied law in the office of Benjamin Silliman of Brooklyn and was afterwards associated with General Benjamin F. Tracy in law practice. He served a short term as assistant U. S. district attorney, and was register in bankruptcy for the Eastern district of New York at Brooklyn until the repeal of the national bankruptcy law, deriving his title of "Judge" from this. He was a classmate at Yale of ex-Postmaster General Bissell, Allen W. Evarts and Rev. Silliman Blagden.

Dr. Thompson's Funeral.

The funeral services of the late Dr. Guy V. Thompson were held at Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 7, at the residence of his father-in-law, Hon. Edwin F. Uhl. Friends of Dr. Thompson who had known him since youth were the bearers and conveyed his remains to their last resting place in the beautiful Valley City Cemetery. Dr. Thompson died at Boulder, Col., Oct. 2, and his service was held there Sunday Oct. 3, and the remains taken to the train to be conveyed to his home at Grand Rapids, The bearers at Boulder were members of the Faculty of the University of Colorado.

Henry B. Tucker.

At a meeting, on Wednesday, Oct. 20, of the members of the Class of Ninety-Four residing in New Haven, to take action on the death of Henry B. Tucker, the following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased God in his mysterious Providence to call suddenly from us our beloved friend, Henry B. Tucker, and whereas, his death brings an irreparable loss to his classmates who knew and loved him for his generous character and kindly nature; be it Resolved, that we, the members of the Class of Ninety-Four at present residing in New Haven, express our deepest and most heartfelt sorrow at his untimely end and extend our sincerest sympathy to his afflicted family.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the *Yale Daily News* and the *YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY*.

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THE BOOK SHELF.

"The Christian."

Considering the question of sales, and so looking at the matter from a purely financial standpoint, Mr. Hall Caine's *The Christian* (D. Appleton & Co.) is one of the successful books of the year. If Major Pond's fabulous stories were only half the truth, author and publisher have yet been paid in figures we cannot easily appreciate. This fact, of itself, would insure a widespread popularity for the book in question. As a specimen of Mr. Caine's literary work, I doubt if it is deserving

of this popularity. There can be no question as to the author's seriousness (it may even be that he has taken himself too seriously), and it must be said that he has produced an impressive study of modern monasticism as it exists in the Established Church. In a certain sense of the word his novel may justly be called absorbing, and it is noticeable that there is not the least show of malice in the treatment of certain themes where malice frequently appears. In spite of all this, I repeat that *The Christian* cannot properly be spoken of as a literary success.

We have been forced to become pretty well accustomed to novels with what Mr. George Moore calls "the moral idea," and while they can never be the pleasantest reading, yet we would not on that ground condemn them. *The Christian's* realistically worked up sermons on the modern callousness to the horrors of the slums of the world's great cities, do not take much hold on the reader. And right there comes in the reason of this book's weakness. It is artificial. Mr. Caine never tried harder to show us *life*, but from whatever cause, not a reader but is always conscious of the medium through which he is looking, always conscious that this is, after all, only a picture that is before him, not the creation of flesh and blood that Mr. Caine would have him see.

Glory Quayle and John Storm leave the Isle of Man and come up to London, there to work out their destinies. Storm, who is at once weak and headstrong, selfish, emotional and eminently uncharitable, becomes a priest; Glory starts as a nurse, but eventually becomes an "artiste" in one of the great music halls. After four hundred pages of suffering, these two are married. Now, everyone knows that they might have been in the first place, and that after years of happiness, they might have died respected and respectable, nor does the book pretend to give any reason why this far more desirable arrangement should not have been made. (Only, in that case, what becomes of the story?) My point is, that in a truly great piece of fiction no one can imagine anything happening save what actually does happen. *The Christians* is not real enough.

If the book is saved, Glory does it. She is fascinating in every way. She must have been mighty pleasant to look upon, with her copper-colored hair and dazzling complexion. She surely was nice to talk to, for she is one of the few really witty women who have come into the book-world in late years. She was generous, affectionate, spontaneous, and her letters are far and away the best things in the book; they are not the least bit artificial.

"Ballads of Yankeeland."

Mr. W. E. Penney has attempted the story of another and far-distant corner of our country in his "Ballads of Yankeeland" (Crowell \$1.50). Those of us who may have felt in some sort the homely romance of the New England hills, will appreciate the poet's theme and feeling. One must truly love and know the land of which he sings to catch even in slight degree the under thought and feeling. Such will find the awakening of many pleasant memories in the mellow radiance of the tallow-dip, the musical murmur of the old kettle, and the dance of the long shadows on the wall. Such will enter into the personal element of it all. As an example of dialect verse, the book is not a success; in its power of suggestion, it is pleasing and readable.

WARWICK JAMES PRICE.

Memorial to Robert Louis Stevenson.

A movement has been started in the University to augment the funds now being raised for the erection of some fitting tribute to the memory of Robert Louis Stevenson, in his native city, Edinburgh.

The interest, at Yale, in this author, is shown by the fact that there is a Robert Louis Stevenson Club in the Senior class. This Club intends to aid in raising of the necessary amount.

All contributions should be sent to Professor W. L. Phelps.

Lieutenant Arthur Murray, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University, has passed an examination which places him first on the list of those eligible for a captaincy in the United States Artillery.

TRACK TEAM CANDIDATES.

Entries for Fall Games—Promising Talent.

It is difficult thus far to say anything definite about the track team and its prospects, for a large proportion of the competitors in the games to be held next Saturday are new men. As the Fall games are held principally to see what the new material is, there will be large handicaps given, as in former like events.

T. Fisher, '98 S., and Graff will not compete, as each of them broke a tendon in running last Spring. They will, however, train in the Spring. Cheney, '98 S., is not in training for the broad jump this Fall, but he too will be out for the coming season. Spier also, the winner of the mile run in the Yale-Harvard games last Spring, and Palmer and Lewis are not entered for next Saturday. Kiefer, who has a good record in the half mile, and Dudley, a promising track athlete, are now on the University football squad and will not train for the track at present.

In the sprints D. C. Byers, '98, and the brothers Warren are looked to for good work in the Fall games.

The quarter mile men will have their only race in the class relay teams, as few are in condition with such short training to run two races in one day. The Ninety-Eight relay team is especially weak, having but one regular quarter mile man.

The most popular event is the half, in which Beecher, '98, Ordway and Richardson, who holds the Andover half mile record, should do well. In the hurdles a promising new man has made his appearance in Peter of Andover. Peter gives promise too of developing into a good broad jumper. Waller in the high jump is probably as good a man as Yale has ever had, and Taintor seems likely to do well in the same event.

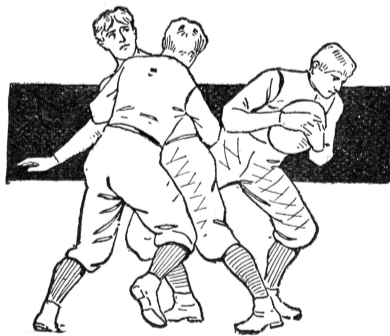
Clapp and Selin are old men in the pole vault and are the only ones now training who have had much experience.

The team is decidedly weak in the weights, as there is but one old man entered, namely, Sheldon in the shot. Weakness is also manifest in the mile, low hurdles and broad jump.

Throwing the discus has been put on the program in order to enable Sheldon to try for a record.

All things considered, the development of a first-class team next Spring must be the result of a great deal of hard work on the part of all the men.

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