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A "PRESS CENSORSHIP."

It is as well to be cheerful and pleasant, so there is no use in saying disagreeable things over the stories which have gone out about the formation of the Yale Press Club. But let us consider the facts. For a long time, it has been the custom of the editors of the *News* to put themselves to considerable inconvenience to supply newspaper men with the details of Yale happenings, which were generally in the office in the evening and which could thus be secured by those newspaper men very much more easily than from the original sources. Liberty has been thus given regarding matter in possession of the *News*, which no other newspaper would ever think of offering to others, which has at times amounted to out and out recklessness.

It is yet to be proved that this exceeding liberality has resulted in any further inclination to accuracy in the treatment of University matters. Some men seem just as ready to rake up a sensation from idle talk and to develop this sensation to the highest commercial value, with little or no attempt to find out the truth. When on such a trail as this, the unscrupulous correspondent has always carefully avoided any center of authority or of definite information, including the *News* office, for there he might find something true, which would at once kill his choice creation. He has not, however, hesitated to come in the next night and have the office turned upside down to supply him with a set of statistics which he has not the energy or ability to get from the original sources.

Two things seem possible and seem good to do. One is to make an even more earnest attempt to put the facts of regular College happenings in the possession of those who are making a decent endeavor to report Yale matters honestly and intelligently; the other to let this community know who the people are who are telling the rest of the world about them. A list of correspondents and the names of their papers seems to the *News* as proper a bit of public property as the names of an athletic team. It has not yet occurred to the *News* or anyone else here that those who were making an honest attempt to report facts about Yale, and

tell the truth, could have any objection to the knowledge, on the part of their fellows, as to what papers they were writing for. On the other hand, that knowledge, it seemed to the *News*, was properly demanded by the College.

It was, of course, not dreamed that Yale could be the only place in which men could not persistently misrepresent things if they wanted to. If men want to go on telling all sorts of things about Yale that aren't so, they are expected to do so. But it may, in the future, become rather a burden to the flesh of the *News* editors to continue to give to men that which they show they have no use for. If some should prove themselves constitutionally unreliable, with or without suggestions of malice, and they should be told that it was undesirable to go to the trouble of giving them information which they made no use of, it would be leaving them only where a correspondent naturally expects himself to be—in a position where he must gather all his own news. While such a result is possible, it is not expected or desired. On the other hand, it is still expected and desired that the correspondents shall show appreciation of the greater facilities for securing the news of the University which are thus given them.

This and the desire that the correspondents of the newspapers should be known just as they are in any other community sooner or later, are the two objects of the *Yale News*, and people to whose benefit this thing is done, have already begun to talk about "a censorship of the press." That kind of talk is not the resentment of those who cannot as consistently work in light as they can in darkness, but it is thrown at Yale by good men in the press, who think they know what is going on here and who have accepted such a stupid construction of the situation. If those who are most influential in controlling the affairs of undergraduate at Yale were deliberately trying to establish press censorship, it would be time to bring them before commissioners in lunacy. And how anybody of intelligence can expect that they are trying to do that, passes comprehension.

The College Pulpit.

The college pulpit will be occupied during the rest of this term by the following preachers:

November 14—Rev. Reuen Thomas, D.D., Brookline.

November 21—Rev. F. R. Shipman, Andover.

November 28—Rev. J. DePeu, Bridgeport.

December 5—Rev. Prof. G. B. Stevens, New Haven.

December 12—Rev. E. B. Coe, D.D., New York City.

"Polyhymnia."

A collection of quartets and choruses for male voices, compiled and arranged by John W. Tufts, has just come from the press of Silver, Burdett & Co. under the name of Polyhymnia. The book contains an unusually large number of the finest representative selections from the works of famous composers and is divided into five parts. Part I comprises easy works arranged in a somewhat progressive order, and consists chiefly of part songs and choruses; Part II is miscellaneous in character, the music being of a wider range and more difficult nature; Part III is devoted to occasional songs; Part IV, to national and patriotic music of our own and other lands; and Part V, to sacred music, including a few of the leading canticles in chant form.

Jay C. McLaughlan, '98, has composed and published a two-step entitled, the "Blue Banner March."

AN "OLDSTER" IN ATHLETICS.

He's a Back Number and Thinks He'd Better Die.

[Names are necessarily but regretfully omitted.]

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir—About a year ago I wrote you that we oldsters would like a little less athletic information and more news about alumni.

But I went on to our class reunion last June. I conclude I was wrong—half our class are dead, and the rest ought to be. I was the youngest of the lot, and I find I'm a back number, and had better be laid away comfortably in the grave. This may be funny to you young fellows, but not to me.

My eldest son, of recent Yale graduation, reads only athletic news. The next three, girls, the same. They all have Yale beaux, who during vacation drink my beer and smoke my cigars and talk athletics. My nineteen-year-old daughter is invited by a Junior to come on and see Yale "wipe the earth with Princeton," Nov. 20, which I greatly fear she won't. My sixteen year old son is preparing for Yale and is an enthusiast on football, etc.

Whenever I go on to Commencement, Prof. ——— drags me to see a game of baseball, which I don't understand. Now, I used to row and play football; but its all different now. In football now, I may be useful professionally, for I served as a surgeon through the war.

I can understand "Mory's," for we had Lake's, in Crown st. But we also used to hear something about the College curriculum. I never read anything about the studies now. There are a lot talk athletics; so of the other colleges. of Yale alumni in this city—they all talk athletics; so of the other colleges. Well, I'm old-fashioned and had better die.

Yours truly,

(A graduate of some years standing.)
Nov. 1, 1897.

P. S.—My letter was sealed, when I remembered this below, which was in last week's ALUMNI WEEKLY.

"Cadwalader was forced to retire from Monday's practice because of an injury to his shoulder, which later proved to be more serious than it was at first supposed. It was found on examination that his collar bone had been broken and he will probably be unable to play before Nov. 13. This accident will upset all calculations as to the personnel of Yale's center, as it is difficult to say who will take his place.

"Cutten suffered a repetition of the former accident to his knee, on Monday, which will probably prevent his playing for several days.

"In Tuesday's practice Hubbell, of last year's Freshman's eleven, who has been playing a strong end game on the College side, broke his nose in a hard tackle. It is not thought that this will keep him out of the play long."

I saw in the New York papers that Cadwalader's injury was a fracture of the sternal end of the clavicle. He can't play Nov. 13, or 20, without being crippled for life. Ask Prof. Richards, Dr. Seaver or Dr. Carmalt. Dislocations at the sternal or acromial ex-

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tremities of the clavicle result in a false joint, and this fracture may be complicated with dislocation.

And is a broken nose a slight injury? Will Hubbell go through life looking like John L. Sullivan?

Does not over-exertion in rowing and football result in permanent heart trouble? I'm an old surgeon with ten years of hospital practice, and do you suppose I'm going to risk my youngest son in a place where such things go on?

This is the view of us oldsters. Think of it, and use your paper against abuse of athletics.

Yale University Courses for
Teachers.

With the desire of being serviceable to the teachers of public and private schools in the State of Connecticut, a series of courses in various subjects of study has been arranged to extend through the Academic year 1897-'98.

These courses are open to teachers who are either graduates of colleges, or are qualified by reason of their previous studies to pursue successfully the subjects of their choice. Teachers who take these courses will have their names enrolled in the University Catalogue under the heading, "Courses for Teachers," but will not be regarded as candidates for a degree.

A course will consist of ten exercises to be given on Saturday—in either the Fall or the Winter term. In connection with the several subjects of study, lines of reading will be marked out to supplement the class room exercises, and, whenever it is possible, the subject will be illustrated by charts or models, or by laboratory experiments, while hints and suggestions will be freely given as to methods of study and teaching.

There are in all seventeen subjects of study open to those who will take up this course. These are: "The Elementary Principles of Psychology," with Prof. Ladd; "Educational Theory," with Professors Duncan and Sneath; "Science of Society," with Prof. Sumner; "Political Economy," with Prof. Hadley; "American History," with Prof. Bourne; "European History," with Prof. Wheeler; "The English Romantic Movement," with Prof. Beers; "Chaucer," with Prof. Cook; "Theory and Practice of Translation from English into German," with Prof. Gruener; "The Principles and Methods of Translation at Sight from German into English," with Prof. Corwin; "Greek Art," with Prof. Goodell; "A Biographical Survey of Greek History," with Prof. Perrin; "The Old Testament as Literature," with Prof. Sanders; "Physics," with Professors Wright and Hastings; "Botany," with Dr. Evans; "Biology," with Prof. Chittenden; "Astronomy," with Prof. Beebe.

Tickets covering a single course of ten exercises in either term will cost eight dollars; tickets covering two courses, one in the Fall and the other in the Winter term, will cost twelve dollars. No course will be given unless it is taken by at least fifteen persons.

Yale Law School.

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