

Not At All Worried.

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It is a demonstrated fact, however doubtful it may appear to incredulous people, that Yale University is being very much better governed and its influence in the world is being more extended under the administration of its regularly chosen administrators than could possibly be the fact under the management of its critics. This is apropos of the journalistic attempts of a New York paper to impose its views upon Yale by a combined process of insolent intimidation and deliberate misrepresentation. In some latitudes, where the longitude is not unfavorable, this sort of criticism and this sort of premeditated domination is spoken of as approximate blackmail, but here in New Haven we call it impertinence, and let it go for that. We may have our local opinions as to the final surrender of the Princeton authorities to this journal and the misguided men it has influenced, but it is not necessary to give it expression. If Princeton sees fit to yield to a manufactured clamor and sacrifice what to many may seem its own superior rights, it is Princeton's affair, not Yale's. But when it comes to the trial of the same tactics here, it is a horse of a different color. It is, therefore, with peculiar satisfaction that we record President Dwight's reply to an inquiry made of him in reference to the attack of the New York temperance journal: "Yes," he replied, "I have seen the article in that paper, but I have nothing to say about it one way or the other. Oh, no; the Faculty will not take any action at all in the matter. We are not at all stirred up about it." This is admirable, not that we for a moment even suspected that the authorities at Yale would pay the slightest attention to the preposterous charges brought and the demands made, but because there is a quiet contempt running through the reply, which does us good. If it were worth while, it would be interesting to review the fearful things that have been alleged against Yale since it became the practice of unknown newspapers and bumptious ignoramus to advise its management. The world has been told time and time again that the Yale Campus was peculiarly adapted to the generation and spread of disease, and that dormitory life was debilitating and immoral. The reply to this was new dormitories and the beginning of a new and additional campus. It was declared that there was a choice between Yale and Hell, in favor of the latter. The answer to this was an increased roster, recruited from among the respectable and honorable families of the country. Whatever the charge was, its own refutation accompanied it. Yale has grown in every essential way. Its course of instruction has been extended, its force of instructors doubled, its departments developed until university life is a fact, and the number of students has multiplied. The moral tone of this large college community is higher than it ever was, and its scholarship higher and purer. The moral and decent predominate. Pray, why should the Faculty consider the impertinences of irresponsible scribblers? Yale is not a boarding school, and her instructors are not policemen. Her position in the world is fixed, and hence the attacks upon her, which will now be redoubled because another university has surrendered, will be without effect. Yale is true to her own conscience, which is neither in the ice chest nor in the keeping of journalists one hundred miles away.

Cobden Club Medal.

The Cobden Club silver medal is awarded annually to that undergraduate of either the Academical or the Sheffield Scientific School who shows the greatest proficiency in the elements of Political Economy. The medal for 1898 will be awarded by a committee consisting of Professor Henry W. Farnam, Professor Arthur T. Hadley, Professor John C. Schwab, and Professor Irving Fisher to that undergraduate who shall present at the University Library, before 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, May 28th, 1898, the best solution of the following problems:

1. Discuss briefly the fluctuations in our customs revenue during the past ten years.
2. Compare the demerits of the different forms of government currency

now in use in the United States.

3. Discuss the desirability of a state tax on habitations as proposed by the Massachusetts Commission on Taxation.

4. "Should any National Bank be permitted to pay interest on the current deposits of other banks?"

5. How would you estimate the value of an immigrant?

Whist News.

The Whist Club has accepted the challenge of the Princeton Whist Club, and the first match between them will be played some time in April. Harvard has not yet responded to the challenge of the Yale Whist Club, but the annual match will undoubtedly be played in February, which is two months earlier than usual, the change being necessary on account of the Princeton tournament.

It is hoped that next year a triangular whist tournament may be held, in which Yale, Harvard and Princeton will compete.

The team which will represent Yale this year will not be chosen until shortly before the time of the Harvard match. Candidates for the team must play at least two other members of the Whist Club each week and report their scores, which will count in selecting the team. After Christmas a team composed of the most promising candidates will play once a week with some outside team.

Alumni Association Prize.

A prize of ten dollars, offered by the Yale Alumni Association of Oregon and Southern Washington to the student from Oregon passing the highest examination for entrance to the Class of 1901, has been awarded to Mr. Robert Bruce Wilson of Portland, Ore.

It is the intention of the Association to make this prize an annual one.

Medical School Elections.

The following officers and committees have been elected by the Senior class of the Medical School: President, Julius H. Hurst, of Colorado Springs, Col.; Vice-President, Joseph J. Guilshan, of Westfield, Mass.; Secretary and Treasurer, Henry C. Rowland, of Greenwich, Conn.

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Supper Committee—Charles L. P. Smith, Chairman, Frederick W. Hulseberg and Edward E. O'Donnell.

Souvenir Committee—Heman A. Tyler, Jr., Chairman, Frank P. Broderick and William J. Hogan.

Hartford Alumni Association.

The Yale Alumni Association of Hartford held its annual meeting at the Colonial Club on Monday night, Dec. 27. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Judge Harrison B. Freeman, '62.

Vice-President—W. W. Hyde, '76.

Secretary and Treasurer—C. P. Cooley, '91.

Executive Committee—L. F. Robinson, '43; A. F. Gates, '88; J. B. Hall, '92 M.S.; Ward Cheney, '96; Ernest B. Ellsworth, '93 S.; W. H. St. John, '91, and E. H. Cady, '95 S.

The losses by death during the past year were Decius L. Pierson, J. Hammond Trumbull, Arthur N. Hollister and Joshua W. Allen.

The usual dinner will be held in the early part of the year. After the meeting light refreshments were served and many of the members passed the evening in informal talk.

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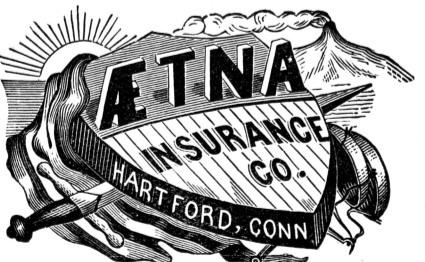
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