

"Murray, The Hackman."

[N. G. Osborn in New Haven Register.]

He was a jovial representative of that class of student purveyors who by a natural process somehow became absorbed into the life of the student world itself. It is a fact that he carried in his "hack" more students, representing more generations, and a greater number of graduates than any man who preceded him in that business or who will follow him.

If we were to account for Murray's particular position at Yale, for he must be located as a limb at least of that institution, we should say it originated with the historic Yale Fence. He was the product of it. The artist, Howland, whose portrait of the fence hangs in the new Gymnasium, so far



depreciating fact that however round or square the hole left may be, a snugly fitting plug almost immediately presents itself to fill it, but it also runs counter to history. It is rarely given perhaps to one man to administer to the transportation needs of so many successive generations of students, which was Murray's experience, but it is impressively true that out of the good nature and harmless recklessness of student life a number of unique figures gradually emerge. They fit into the standard of specific epochs by adapting themselves to the shifting conditions of an ever-changing college life, but no one of them can possibly develop safely that tone of personal intimacy and amusing impertinence which rather attracted than repelled Yale men from Murray, in and out of college. An example of this occurred only a few weeks ago. A graduate of some twenty years' standing, who was prominent as an oarsman in his time, happened to revisit New Haven, and when passing the New Haven House was accosted thus by "Murray, the hackman," "Hello! Give away, all." It was a startling salutation, calculated to offend a man made dignified by professional success and heavy responsibilities, but coming from Murray it was a most cheerful reminder of college days and served simply to open a protracted conversation, which bore the trademark of a congenial exchange of old memories. Murray could do that sort of thing, and because he could, without giving offense, he retained his position as purveyor extraordinary in waiting.

"Murray, the hackman," was unquestionably a unique character, and deserved the immortality Mr. Howland has so faithfully secured for him. It was known to few that his name was Patrick, or that he had a given name at all, for it served no purpose. He lived as "Murray, the hackman," and he died as "Murray, the hackman." His advent was cordially hailed, his reign respected, and his death regretted. That is, after all, a satisfactory record.

Chief Justice Andrews of the Court of Appeals of New York will deliver the annual class day oration before the graduating class of the Law School next June.

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realized this fact as to give him and his conveyance as conspicuous a place there as he did Chauncey Depew, George Ade, Frank Jenkins, Hart Lyman, or any of the other chaps who, in one way and another, added to the variety of life during their administration, and made them joyous. Even when it became advisable for historical accuracy and sentiment to "rub" Mr. Murray and his hack out, in order to introduce an eligible figure, the verities of art demanded his reinstatement, white horses and all, a few feet further back. There was no thought of any other hackman, or even College landmark of the human species. By the laws of faithful service, College traditions, and natural selection, Murray was selected for immortality.

We have no intimation as to when "Murray, the hackman," began business. He had certainly established his stand in the earliest seventies. There were men frequently returning to New Haven from the classes which graduated in those years, who, without having previously engaged a conveyance to the ball field, felt such a confidence in their relations with Murray that they pooh-poohed all advice as to the wisdom of immediate barter with another man in the same business. "Oh! we will see Murray, the hackman, he'll fix us out," and when one looks back over the great expanse of years during which this confidence in him, as in Dollinger, was undisturbed, it is remarkable how few found it wrecked upon the shores of disappointment. Murray could extract every sort of a hack out of the clouds, very much as Cinderella's coach and six were snatched from a pumpkin and attendant rats, or eggs are plucked from the mouth of an accommodating confederate by the process of prestidigitation.

Upon second thought, we may perhaps be a bit rash in asserting that Murray's place will not be filled. It not only runs counter to the very self-

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bring to the notice of those who are soon to be graduates that as soon as they receive their degrees they become, *ipso facto*, members of the Association. If there are any Yale men residing in Essex County who do not receive the notices of the meetings, it is because their addresses are not known to the secretary. If they will communicate with Mr. Charles A. Mead, 172 Willdam st., Orange, N. J., he will be glad to see that their names are put upon the list.

After the business meeting, the company sat down to an informal supper consisting of raw oysters, shrimps à la Newburg, grouse and jelly, celery mayonnaise, ice cream, Roquefort cheese and coffee. Judge McCarter of Newark spoke for Princeton and told of the strong feeling of good will toward Yale that prevailed there. He made an earnest plea for the freedom of both Universities from ecclesiastical interference of whatever denomination. Yale and Princeton must work out their own salvation, undisturbed by the threats of the "Voice," whose batteries are just now turned upon New Haven.

Mr. Sidney M. Colgate gave some account of his experience in Europe last Summer. Mr. Malcolm MacLear reported on behalf of the Newark Alumni Association that one meeting had been held and that they are proposing to have a dinner some time after that of the Essex County Association. It was agreed that as many as possible from each Association should attend the banquet of the other.

There were no other speeches, but with College songs and reminiscences a very enjoyable evening was spent. Soon after midnight the company gave "three times three for Yale" and dispersed.

Oregon Alumni Association.

The Yale Alumni Association of Oregon held its second annual smoker at the Portland Hotel, Portland, Oregon, Saturday evening, January 22.

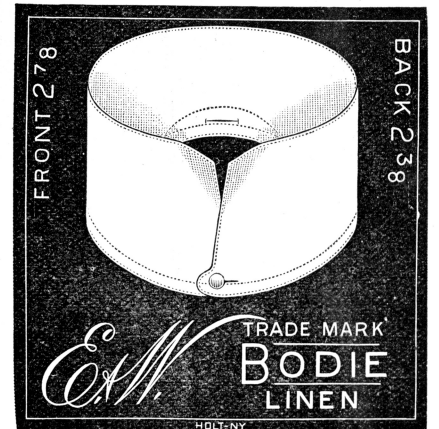
A short business meeting was held in the parlor of the hotel, at which B. B. Beekman, '88 L.S., was elected President; Rodney C. Glisan, '90, Secretary; and C. F. Adams, 81 S., a member of the Executive Committee, for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the business meeting an adjournment was had to the private dining room of the hotel, where light refreshments were served, and the evening was spent in an informal manner.

There were present several invited guests representing other colleges, and during the evening a discussion was had as to the advisability of organizing a University Club. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, and to take such action as should be deemed expedient. There were twenty-six men present.

A meeting of students at the Law School was held on January 28th for the purpose of deciding on the formation of a baseball nine for the coming season. No definite plans have yet been made, but when completed will be announced in a later issue of the WEEKLY.

Yale Union Officers.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Yale Union was held on Friday evening and resulted as follows: President, Herbert Westcott Fisher, '98, of New Haven, Conn.; Vice-President, Charles Leroy Darlington, '99, of Xenia, Ohio; Secretary, Fred Erwin Richardson, '98, of Lancaster, N. H.; Treasurer, Winchester Noyes, '99, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Executive Committee, Chairman, George M. Ripley, '98; from '99, John K. Clark; from 1900, Eugene Ong.



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