

Hale. It is high time that Hale was called back from his damaging dalliance with Art and re-established in his certain place in history. For years the simple country folk of Connecticut, on visiting the capitol city, have known Hale chiefly as a ponderous man of brass standing in the state house with his hand ever extended and the pocket of his golf trousers never distended, the only man of his metal in the lobby who never gets anything but left. Mr. Clark asked pardon for likening himself to Hale in one particular. He also was suspended. Hale met his fate after graduating, at the hands of the British, and it gave him eternal fame. Mr. Clark met his fate in Sophomore year at the hands of the Yale Faculty and never got any credit for it at all. He did not cite the facts as a measure of the relative influence of General Howe and the Yale Faculty, but as a contribution to the vagaries of history. Hale at the time of his arrest was engaged in what is now called reporting. They do not have reporters like Hale nowadays, and they don't hang those they do have. Perhaps it would be well if they did occasionally. Journalism has made great strides since that day. But it was already an old art then, much older than some of the thoughtless supposes. The study of the classics,—may it ever flourish at Yale! proves that fact. Who does not remember the story of that splendid, old-time journalist, Leonidas the Spartan! No one knows what paper he was connected with. It and its very name have perished in oblivion. But he is known by deeds, not words. We all recall how he stood there at Thermopylae and what it was that made him great. He held a pass! That was the mark of his distinction, as it is the mark of many of the journalists of to-day. He will travel through history on that pass. It is not transferable and is good for all time. Mr. Clark closed with the intimation that the Yale of the past was a sufficiently high aim for the Yale of the future.

JOHN H. BUCK.

The last speaker of the evening was John H. Buck. He said in part:

"To my mind, the great lesson which Yale teaches us is not so much how to win victories as how to bear defeats like gentlemen. We have not had very much practice in the matter of bearing defeats, but what little we have had has shown good fruit, and as I look back over the last seven or eight years of Yale athletics, the thing which makes me most proud of being a Yale man is the thought of that noble stand which Billy Rhodes and his team made against the invincible Harvard team at

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Springfield in '90, when they almost wrested a victory from a team flushed with their first conquest in many years. It was at that field and at Jarvis Field, in Cambridge, last Fall, that the foundations were laid for that game in New Haven which resulted in a victory over Princeton.

"I think most of the Yale graduates will say that the brightest memories of Yale life do not consist in their recollections of the football games, however, or the races on the Thames, or Prom week. These are the fireworks, the pyrotechnics of Yale, but the glowing embers, the beds of warm coals for many of us will be those long Winter evenings that we have passed in the old Brick Row."

After the speeches the younger graduates gathered about the piano and sang college songs until a late hour.

Among those present were the following: Harold G. Holcombe, John G. Talcott, Dr. G. C. F. Williams, Dr. McKnight, James B. Cone, the Rev. Mr. Seymour, the Rev. Mr. Simpson, Dr. C. C. Stearns, J. Gilbert Calhoun, Wilbur F. Day, F. S. Kimball, Forrest Sheperd, J. A. Turnbull, H. E. Taintor, James Terry, Frank E. Howard, J. R. Ensign, W. H. St. John, W. R. C. Corson, William Maxwell, G. H. Gilman, Herbert K. Smith, W. H. Leete, E. B. Bennett, A. S. Brackett, Francis H. Parker, G. L. Talcott, J. D. Tucker, J. H. Tallman, E. Clinton Terry, W. T. Bacon, L. F. Robinson, the Hon. Henry C. Robinson, J. T. Robinson, C. P. Cooley, F. R. Cooley, L. P. Sheldon, G. B. Fowler, Judge Nathaniel Shipman, C. E. Gross, J. M. Holcombe, Arthur Perkins, Dr. L. F. Reid, F. C. Pratt, H. B. Cheney, E. G. Taylor, R. G. Huntington, George Bulkley, G. H. Gilman, A. P. Day, E. M. Day, E. B. Ellsworth, J. A. Graves, J. P. Cheney, E. H. Cady, H. H. Robinson, G. N. Allen, H. B. Freeman, L. P. W. Marvin, T. B. Enders, A. F. Gates, E. J. Garvan, J. P. Andrews, J. R. Gait, Ward Cheney, J. J. Nairn, C. W. Burpee, H. O. Bowers, G. H. Hart, J. B. Houston.

Yale Club Preliminary.

[Correspondence of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

The Yale Club preliminary annual has just made its appearance and a perusal of it reveals some very interesting facts in regard to the membership of the Club. The regular annual will appear some time in March. The book, which is complete to February 1st, places the total membership at 733, there being 585 resident and 148 non-resident members.

No less than fifty classes are represented on the Club rolls, the earliest being that of 1842, while from 1860 on there is not a break in the list. Over one-half of the total number of members (368) are from classes graduated in the last eight years, and about one-fifth of the membership is made up of Sheff. men. The book shows also that the largest membership of any one class is that of Ninety-Five, which has 74, followed by Ninety-Six with 66, and Ninety-Four with 57.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP.

Perhaps the most interesting figures, however, come from an examination of the addresses of the 148 non-resident members. It is found that they have been obtained in 19 states and from 68 cities. Connecticut leads in the list of state membership with 63 names, New York contributing 33, and New Jersey 15. In the city list New Haven has 26 men and Hartford 15, these being by far the most largely represented. There are however twenty-one other cities, from as far east as Boston to as far west as Colorado Springs, with two or more men each. Butte, Montana, is the most distant city mentioned.

CLUB NOTES.

The only event in the future to announce is the second Winter "smoker" of Ninety-Seven at the Yale Club on Saturday evening next, February 26, at eight o'clock, for which a special effort is being made to reach all Ninety-Seven men living in and around New York. It is hoped to make this one of the largest of the Class meetings held at the Club this year. The project of a Winter pool tournament which was talked of some time since has been allowed to drop for the present.

TAKING CHANCES.

Is there any such thing as luck? How far is the success of one and the failure of another due to mere chance and circumstance? It is a broad question, and like that famous one of Sir Roger's, "much may be said on both sides." As long as there are men to debate, some will hold that each makes his own bed and must lie in it, and some as stoutly maintain that "it all depends on what turns up." But through it all one thing seems to be pretty well settled. That is that there are "chances" in this life, and that the difference between success and failure is often due wholly to the ability of one to take to himself what another never so much as sees until too late. Nor should such mental lethargy be always laid up against such an unfortunate as a fault of his. That slow wit or infirm resolution may well be as much a part of the man himself as the shape of his head or the color of his eyes.

The world holds more of these than the successful ones are apt to realize. But the eternal fitness of things has brought to them something so exactly in the nature of compensation, as to fully deserve all that has been written and said in its praise by our social philosophers. This "chance in life," the chance to insure, is actually offered to most men, and lies within the reach of almost all. More than that, it is the chance which above all others offers security, contentment of mind, and an absolute provision against the worst disasters of life.

Looking back across the years, it is easy to see that if this or that had been different the whole current of life would have flowed along some other channel than that which it has followed, and yet many a man may truly say of such opportunities that it did not lie within his power to grasp them. He was not so constituted as to be able to take the advantage which some other and more fortunate one seized and utilized. No such excuse, however, can with justice be pleaded by the man who sees the end approaching and who realizes too late that a policy issued by The Mutual Life of New York would have made all the difference in the world to his old age and to those whom he must leave behind. He who has allowed this opportunity to slip must face the responsibility of inexcusable neglect.

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