

YALE JOURNALISM.

How Healers and Types Used to Act—The Improvement.

At the Yale *News* banquet on Wednesday of last week, the condition of Yale journalism was discussed with much freedom. Mr. Mason, in responding for the retiring board, indicated the different occasions on which the *News* was called on to play a conspicuous part in college matters. He thought it had not always come up to its opportunity in taking the lead at critical points, although those who heard Mr. Mason, recall the very many instances of the year in which the *News*, which has been under his leadership, has been very fearless and outspoken under circumstances which were trying to any man responsible for the paper's policy.

Mr. Day, in responding for the incoming board, struck a responsive chord in the minds of those who have given the subject of Yale journalism thought, in asking for the paper the same support, in its fields and the granting to it of the same position as is freely given any organization representing Yale. In the absence of Mr. Camp, who was to have responded to the toast of the ALUMNI WEEKLY, Mr. Welch spoke and called attention to the improved intercollegiate relations, and attributed to the fair and dignified and courteous attitude of the *News* a large share of the credit for placing Yale in a more natural and proper relation to other Universities. He expressed the hope, which had been strengthened after hearing Mr. Day, that the *News* would go even further than it had done in its rapid editorial development in the last two or three years, in taking itself a position which waited for it,—a position where it was supreme in defining and standing for the best Yale sentiment under all conditions favorable or unfavorable within or without the University.

Mr. George E. Eliot, Jr., '86, of Clinton, responding to Yale in the current of "Life Outside," said that Yale had the best bunch of papers, not only of any college in the country, but of any college in the world. He dwelt particularly upon the condition of the *News* and the *Record*.

The toast given to Mr. C. W. Wells was "Faculty Doings." He drew a comparison between the Harvard *Crimson* and the Yale *News*. He considered the latter a very much more interesting paper, covering its field from a news standpoint much more satisfactorily. He believed, on the other hand, that the Harvard *Crimson* was a better written paper than the Yale *News*, and hoped that the development of the *News* would be, among other things, in the line of more fit expression.

PROF. PHELPS MAKES A COMPARISON.

Professor W. L. Phelps spoke on "Yale Journalism in the Past," and was very emphatic in declaring his belief in the great improvement that had been made in most of the papers along nearly all lines. He said that the *News* used to be hopelessly inaccurate in statement and ridiculous in typography. He illustrated this by giving an imaginary report of a meeting in Dwight Hall as it might appear to-day, and as it would have appeared ten years ago. The report to-day would be something of this sort:

"In Dwight Hall last evening the Rev. G. Middleton Pratt delivered an address on the subject of Christian fortitude. He said among other things that youth was the period of greatest temptation, and that men in themselves were not sufficiently strong to fight with their sins. What was needed was additional force, the force of Christianity. Christianity is a perfect force. It is the only safeguard for youth.

Before the address, Mr. G. Parker sang a baritone solo, "Calvary."

One hundred additional names were added to the list of the Y. M. C. A. Any student may become a member by paying the initiation fee and by signing the Constitution."

He then read the following as his idea of how it would have appeared in the *News* ten years ago:

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Before the address, Mr. Grand Ville Porker sang a baritone solo, "Cavalry."

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Mr. Phelps said that the thing which had bothered him about the *News* of late had been a certain collocation of names which flashed on his eye as soon as he opened the editorial page, and often jangled in his thoughts long after he had vainly sought sleep. This was the fretful combination of Gay-Jay-Day. He had ventured to express his feelings in a rondeau. Mr. Charles Merrill of the *Courant*, he said, was the only man present who knew what a rondeau was, so he felt safe in perpetrating it. With some difficulty it was extricated from the speaker afterwards, the WEEKLY agreeing to take the risk of libel:

R. Gay, J. Jay, and D. H. Day
Will form the subject of my lay:
I know that you will all agree
That in the lists of Chivalry
No Knight can equal glorious Day.

But hold, my muse! now don't get Gay;
Don't be a smiling, blooming Jay;
Your hero is not one, but three—
R. Gay, J. Jay, and D. H. Day.

Soon Ninety-Nine will have its Day,
And then will Nineteen Hundred say
"Have you observed our family tree?
J. Day is on the paper—see?
Remember the Big Four: J. Day,
R. Gay, J. Jay, and D. H. Day.

New York Affairs.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

New York, March 9, 1898.—The program of the March "Club Night" of the Yale Club, which was not ready in time for insertion in the last issue of the WEEKLY, has recently been given out, and March 11th is the date set. The exercises will begin at nine o'clock and the speaker of the evening will be Dr. William Lyon Phelps of Yale. The circular issued also promises that "vocal selections will be rendered by a chorus of twenty College graduates."

The next "Club Night" following, in April, will be the most important of the year, inasmuch as it will be the annual meeting of the Club. At this meeting trustees and members of the Council will be voted for, the latter body electing the officers of the Club for the ensuing year from among its own members at a later date, as provided in the by-laws.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CIRCULAR.

The officers of the Alumni Association have now in preparation a circular relative to the affairs of the Association and the Yale Club, discussed in the last issue of the WEEKLY, which will be sent out to the Association's members before the meeting at Sherry's on March 18th. In regard to the article in the last WEEKLY it may be well here to correct a wrong impression which some graduates may have gathered from simply reading the head-lines of the article in question. The Club will not in the strictest sense of the word absorb the Association, nor will the vote be on this question. The meeting will simply decide as to whether or not it is best now, with the foundation of the Club so securely laid, for the Association to dissolve, leaving the Club to perform its duties in the way of holding meetings of the alumni, etc. Should the Association vote to dissolve it will probably take no action beyond that, but leave its members free to act as they individually think best as regards joining the Club.

Spring football practice will be commenced at the Field as soon after Easter as the ground becomes hard enough. This practice will be for the backs only and to encourage it two cups will be offered for excellence in punting. W. T. Bull, '88 S., is expected to be here for a time to coach the candidates in kicking.

M. Doumic at Yale.

M. Renè Doumic, the French critic and lecturer, delivered a lecture on Alphonse Daudet last Monday evening under the auspices of the French Department of the University.

M. Doumic is a man of the same type as M. Brunetiere, who met with such success in his lectures in America last year and belongs to the same critical school. He was born in Paris in 1860. He was educated at Condorcet Lycee, one of the best of the Paris secondary schools, from which he was graduated with the highest honors, and in 1882 was graduated with distinction from the Superior Normal School. From 1882 to 1896 he taught literature in the lycees of the provinces and Paris. In 1887 he began to contribute to newspapers and periodicals and was made dramatic critic of the *Moniteur Universel*. During 1894 and 1895 he had charge of dramatic criticism in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, and since that date has conducted in this paper the *chronique littéraire*, succeeding in this department M. Brunetiere. Three years ago he was chosen chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

M. Doumic is giving the first annual course of lectures before the Cercle Français of Harvard University. He will also lecture before Columbia, University of Chicago, and probably Cornell.

A Permanent Debating Team.

[Editorial in Yale News.]

The greatest advance which has been made in debating at Yale for some time has just been accomplished by the appointing of two men as a permanent team to debate against those who will represent the University in the Princeton debate this month. For some time the question has been agitated as to how the training for intercollegiate debaters could be most advantageously carried on. Several plans have been suggested; that of two distinct teams of three men each who would debate for the final places, seemed the most feasible. However, with two men who will take entire charge of the opposition, choose a third man to make up a complete team, and now and then appoint three men to take their places, the negative will be well organized and will render invaluable assistance in perfecting the arguments of the regular representatives. The men who are to have the matter in charge—Mr. Gaines, '98, and Mr. Leavitt, 1900—were selected because of their excellent work in the trial debates; by accepting this responsibility they are not only helping to develop University representatives, but are materially strengthening debating at Yale.

The second meet of the Yale Gymnastic Association, which was held on Wednesday, March 2d, was won by W. L. Otis, 1900, who is thus entitled to wear a University "Y," having scored the highest number of points in the two meetings.

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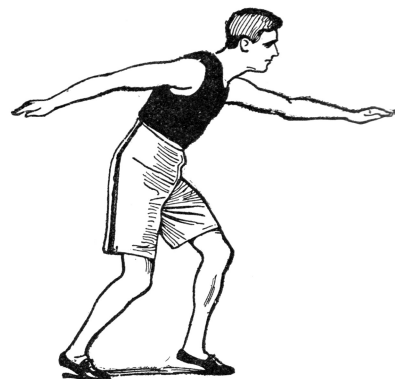
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