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THE ALEXANDER HALL INCIDENT

It is hard to add anything to the record of the facts of Yale's latest victory, which are given very fully and clearly elsewhere by one who especially followed the debate as well as the preparation for it. The happy feature of it all is the advancing Yale standard, which, not content with finding some means which are fairly sure for successful contest, seems to make its representatives the best that college debaters can be made. To advance from strength in facts and argument to the strength of grace and fluency and enthusiasm is to take a long step forward. To find the ability not only to defend, but to take the initiative, to set up a position and hold to it, shows a desire to make as much as possible out of intercollegiate contests.

In this, as in other contests, Yale's gratitude is deeply felt for those who did the coaching—for Prof. Hadley and Mr. Reynolds again, and this year for Mr. Fox and Mr. Macfarland. And to all the debaters most cordial congratulations are offered. It is quite in order to say that particular honor is accorded Yale's Colorado advocate, who, after most thorough preparation of himself, has so happily combined the forces of platform fire and judicial clearness.

THESE ACHING TIMES.

Friends of the Yale English Department—we are told that there are some left—may have felt that there was a certain vigor in the discussion of its possibilities and impossibilities, which was not always necessary and was seldom pleasant. Let them possess their souls in peace. Our English instructors do not yet know how it seems to be taken seriously to task for the patent error of their ways.

The man who teaches economics is he who should know what war means. Professor William Graham Sumner, who is sometimes thought to be an "ornament" to the Yale Faculty, has now and again tasted the real joy of battle, and felt the exhilaration of excited uncertainty as to what new foe would from day to day challenge his right to further pilgrimage through this vale of tears. Only a short time ago a man out in Bozeman sent him a letter whose store of explosive interrogatory made it a complete infernal machine. In older times the protection press

asked daily for his decapitation, and there was no approved weapon of invective which was not called into use against him.

It has now been months since there has been open fighting, but it is on again. The *Silver Knight Watchman* of Washington has been reading one of the books which the Pelatiah Perit Professor of Political Economy was careless enough to write. The *Silver Knight Watchman* has been stirred through all its extended sensoria, and it has said things, under the title of "The Decay of the Human Intellect," which has made the English language tremble, wherever Brother Jonathan or Mr. Bull does business. By contrast the reflections on the critics of the English teaching at Yale and their reflections on those who teach English seem like the politest diplomatic assurances of good will.

Here are some of the *Silver Knight Watchman's* armor-piercing projectiles: "Paralysis of the brain," "utter ignorance of political and social science," "bad manners," "insanity," "imbecility," "egotism," "ravings," "intellectual blindness," "absolute ignorance of international trade," "Shylock's contraction thumb-screws," "Yale's unornamental professor," "dementia."

The *Voice* is still issued regularly, showing how the "surging tides beat against Yale," the Gull Island fortifications will not be finished for months, and the campus is a nice side target for the Spanish man-of-war, which shall slide up to New Haven one of these fine days, to bombard the Winchester armories; the *Silver Knight Watchman* will, we presume, come out again; not until May, at the earliest, can any substantial improvement be made in the personnel of the Faculty.

Mr. Ward, or somebody else, used to say at such aching times, that it was dangerous to be alive.

NOTICES FOR CLASSES OR ASSOCIATIONS.

The Secretaries of classes and committees, having arrangements in charge for special Yale affairs, have probably noticed the column of special notices which has been instituted on the alumni note page. It is intended to make this a permanent feature of the paper, that the WEEKLY may become more useful to all as a guide to Yale events in the future. We ask Secretaries and Committees to send us at the earliest date possible all arrangements for class reunions or association meetings or celebrations of any kind. Please do not wait until everything is prepared and the anniversary is at hand. Announce everything as fast as it is ready, through our columns. This we trust will be a convenience to you as well as to the members of your class and association whom you wish to reach. It is not necessary to withhold particulars until all the details are arranged and the circular is ready. It is best to begin an advertisement of the event at the earliest date possible and keep those people who are interested continually reminded in one new form and another about it.

PROGRAM ADVERTISING.

Two communications are printed elsewhere on the subject of program advertising. They are from men who have been connected with the work and who are excellent Yale men, and who plainly believe in it on its merits. We are not surprised that they do. There are all kinds of opinions about advertising, and in such a discussion as this we would be very unwilling to list any particular kind of advertising as unprofitable on general principles.

The denial from our correspondents that there has been blackmail in conec-

tion with the work we are very glad to record as coming from them, and showing their confidence in the soundness of the methods pursued in such work as they have been connected with. We do not, however, in any way retract our general statement that, in many ways and in many instances, boycott and blackmail have entered the business, and that the air of that sort of thing has hung around much of the work.

What is most interesting to us is the endorsement from our correspondent of the plans taken for reform. As we said last week, it is to be most sincerely desired that these plans shall be effective and successful. It ought to be added, however, that the dangers of the work are not sufficiently realized even yet; and, for our part, it seems too much to expect that the work will really be on the right business basis until a more thoroughgoing change is effected in the general management of the business end of Yale athletics, which will allow unity of action and permanency of policy.

ELIZABETHAN DRAMA.

The surprise which was given Prof. Cook and the other members of the English Department by the students on Monday night in presenting the play of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" was a very significant incident. It was quite an unprecedented attempt, and it was excellently done. The presentation was entirely spontaneous on the part of the students. In this connection it may be as well to refer to the report that a Junior Society's play to be given next week will be "The Silent Woman," given seriously and accurately and well, according to present prospects, without any attempt at burlesque. These are interesting facts, especially at this time.

As the accuracy of the WEEKLY's report of Professor W. L. Phelps' Orange speech has been lately called in question, Professor Phelps authorizes us to say that the WEEKLY's report was correct, although some of the newspaper extracts from it were not correct. The speech was wholly extempore, and was taken down by the stenographer.

The Corporation Vacancy.

Notification has been sent to the graduates to prepare their ballots for nomination for a member of the Corporation to succeed Hon. Henry E. Howland, whose term expires in June of this year.

LIBERALITY IN LIFE INSURANCE.

A case in point is the recent announcement of the New York Life Insurance Co., concerning the effect on policies in this company held by those who might enlist in the army or navy of the United States, in case of war. The company has sent out a notice that all those now holding its policies and all who may secure its policies between now and the actual outbreak of hostilities, if that time ever comes, would receive the full benefit therefrom, without the payment of any other than the regular rates now in force.

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New York Notes.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

New York, March 28.—The new fiscal year of the Yale Club will commence now in a few days, on April 1st, and the reports of the Treasurer and other officials will probably show the organization to be in a most satisfactory condition. These reports, however, will not be made public until the regular Club Night, on the third Friday in April. At that time also seven members of the Council are to be elected together with seven new men for the Committee on Admission. A nominating committee is now at work on the names.

No reunion has been given at the house recently with the exception of one held there this last week by members of the Class of Ninety. At the last meeting of the Committee on Admissions a large number of names were passed upon, but since these elections the waiting list has not apparently grown much smaller. The new Club's Year Book is not yet out.

On the City Dumping Ground.

[Yale Record.]

Huge, upturned peaks of dazzling white, whirling torrents of muddy water, lakes of a dark, oozing substance, and above all a sickening, heavy, indescribable odor which seemed to fill the whole air with death. "What! Can this be some terrible description of the end of the world or some—?" Stop! gentle reader, it is but the New Haven Green two days after the last snow storm.