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## AS TO STANDARD LATIN.

For some time it has been possible to treat with that contumelious silence, which the case deserved, the hypercritical sensitiveness and unseemly virulence that has been shown towards the WEEKLY'S use of the Latin language. Besides, the exigencies of the time required space for more important matters than the enlightenment of the ignorance of some of our readers. Serious disturbances in and about one department of the University, and the noise of a hot blank cartridge fire from a foe without, have combined, with the formation of the Yale War Club and the haberdashery plans of Troop A, Yale University Volunteers, to render discussions of this journal's Latinity out of place.

The irresponsible jibe of the New York Tribune, after studying the cartoon of the last number of the Fall term, was hardly to be noticed; and when one of the former instructors of the WEEKLY'S artist wrote pitifully of the backsliding of his pupil, crying in despair that he thought the very air of his recitation room breathed better Latin than "Exit omnes," and that he would now not be surprised to hear the President of the University cry, "Those are it," we were still little disturbed. But when a company of Yale graduates in New York, who subscribe for the WEEKLY, and generally pay for it, appoint one of their number a special commissioner, who communicates with us in formal terms and asks for light, we are obliged to give it.

It might seem enough to say that the WEEKLY said it. ἀπαξ λεγόμενα exist in almost every standard literature. But University journalism is of a modest tone. We will not rest on this claim, which supports Homer in the use of his tongue, and Shakespeare, and as some commentators would have it, Yale professors, in the use of our own mother tongue. But it seems so utterly superfluous to adduce evidence in support of our sentence, when it is hardly credible that the average Yale alumnus does not at once supply it to his own mind. We are all familiar with some of the more popular works of St. Gregory of Tours (Sanctus Gregorius

Turonensis) and if we could get away from our war news for a few brief moments, long enough to refresh ourselves on some of the weightier passages of the seventy-first volume of the Patrologia Latina, we would at once come across such expressions as, "Enarra nobis quae tibi contigit," whose literal translation is, of course, "Tell us what things *has* happened to you"; or such a phrase as, "Dum haec ageretur"—("While these things *was* being done,") and so on and so on almost ad infinitum. If the holy saint could employ such phrases as these, why may not a lay weekly use the like and still be worthily representative of this ancient seat of learning?

The construction is a familiar one. It is called the "constructio ad sententiam" (according to the logic, not grammar). One of the best examples is found in the works of Quintus Claudius Quadrigarius, a Roman annalist, who writes: "Ibe occiditur mille hominum," which, of course would be translated, "There *is* killed a thousand men." It is possible that some of our readers, if living in these ancient times, would have flung bold and thoughtless criticism against these authorities of all time, had the latter been editorial paragraphs on the more conservative journals of their day, instead of men who compiled complacently what they chose and how they chose, and expected their readers to explain, not to criticize; who constructed their sentences "ad sententiam" if they liked, and feared no man.

It is translucently clear what the thought of the ALUMNI WEEKLY'S artist was as he used the same construction in the sentence on the now famous cartoon, "Exit omnes." The whole establishment gets out. All Yale is loose. "Omnes" merely emphasizes the multitudinous forms of Yale activity, which came to a sudden end at New Haven and broke into sudden glories in a thousand different places in the country, when the last touchdown had been made in Alumni Hall, and Yale went out to occupy the land.

## "MENTION THIS PAPER."

Most WEEKLY readers would, we assume, take any opportunity to strengthen the paper. There is no call for financial aid, for those who have their faith in it are ready to see it through. But there is a chance to emphasize that it is a well read paper, and that it is a profitable medium for the advertisement of high class goods. It stands to reason that it should be, reaching, as it does, more than half of the Yale family, and built in a compact form and with its advertisements so conspicuous. There is no doubt in our mind or in the minds of our advertisers who understand our class of readers that the business announcements contained in the paper are profitable for them whether they are directly heard from or not.

It helps a great deal, however, in demonstrating the value of the paper, if advertisers do hear directly from advertisements. Some judge entirely the value of the business announcement by the number of direct replies received. In so far as this evidence is useful, we wish to secure it. So may we ask all readers of the WEEKLY to remember that a word in regard to our advertisements is of much value to the paper? If you see an insurance policy announced, or a bicycle advertised, or a good tailor's card, or attention called to a banker or a broker, or a goldsmith, or a silversmith, or a jeweler, or a haberdasher, or a hat manufacturer, or a reminder given of the value of a particular kind of athletic goods, or announcements of lines of travel, or the card of a good hotel, or a half-tone engraver,

can you not drop a line, if interested, to the advertiser, and when you inquire for details or give an order, mention that your attention was attracted by his announcement in the WEEKLY? A constantly growing class of the patrons of the WEEKLY are those who control the large private schools. Their announcements are of particular interest to WEEKLY readers. When going over them and inquiring for more information, mention how you happened to be reminded of them.

We have no desire to create fictitious value in advertising. We appreciate thoroughly the habit of reading of the average graduate. The impression is left on his mind, but he is not apt to indicate how. But as it means so little trouble and is of such material advantage to the paper, demonstrating its value as a medium, we make bold to make this request for a slight change of habit. We feel justified in doing this because of the care we exercise in the choice of ALUMNI WEEKLY advertisers.

Including the present issue of the WEEKLY, four more papers have been put out this year than at the corresponding time last year. This addition has been made to the number hitherto published because it seemed better to care in this way promptly for current news. We hope the paper in this way gives increased satisfaction to its readers and is justified in its additional outlay.

## Dinner of Southern California Association.

The first annual meeting and dinner of the Southern California Yale Alumni Association was held at the California Club, Los Angeles, Friday evening, April 1.

Previous to the dinner a short business session was held, at which Eugene V. Baker, '77, was elected President, A. W. Armstrong, '82 S., Vice-President, and N. W. Bell, '83, Secretary and Treasurer. It was also decided to hold the next meeting of the Association in March of next year.

Edward S. Thacher, '72, acted as toastmaster and the following formal toasts were responded to:

"Yale University," President Martin Kellogg, '50; "Yale in California," Rev. Chas. B. Sumner, '62; "Yale of Fifty Years Ago," Robert H. Chapman, '50; "Our Goodly Company," John S. Cravens, '93.

A telegram of greeting from President Dwight was received with cheers.

Mr. Sumner, in speaking of the religious tone at Yale, was interrupted by President Kellogg, who said he would

## 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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like to modify the statements of Yale's religious tendencies. They compared well with those of a certain person who was under discussion by a company. It was asked if he was religious? "Yes! it was replied," but not offensively so." Among the informal speeches called for was, "The Origin of Football at Yale," by Dr. F. B. Kellogg, '83. During his remarks the speaker read the following letter:

NEW HAVEN, Mar. 25, 1898.  
F. B. Kellogg, Esq.,  
420 West 6th st.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir: I only wish your letter had come earlier, so that I could write you a long description of my acquaintance with Eugene Baker. He sowed the first germs of real football here at Yale, and if it is complimentary to say it, he taught me when I was a Freshman the best part of football as I know it. My best thanks to him always.

Give me more time and I could go into an infinity of detail over it.

My best regards to the Southern California Alumni, and to Mr. Baker.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Walter Camp.

In answer, Mr. Baker replied to the toast: "The Father of Football at Yale."

Wilbur Baker, '80, spoke on "Baseball at Yale"; W. M. Peck, '93 L. S., "Yale Men in Politics"; J. S. Torrance, '75 S., and I. B. Newton, '83, on "The Management of a Mountain Railroad"; and N. W. Bell, '83, on "The Prospects of the Southern California Association."

The rest of the evening was given up to stories, and the singing of Yale songs, the latter being led by a quartet made up of F. B. Kellogg, leader of the Eighty-Three Glee Club; John S. Cravens, leader of the Ninety-Three Club; A. D. Bissell, '82 T.S., and Chas. E. Richards, '82.

There are about seventy members in the Association, of which number the following besides those already mentioned, were present: James B. Mitchell, '63; Edward S. Thatcher, '72; Dr. E. E. Gaylord, '73; J. S. Torrance, '75 S.; Rev. A. M. Merwin, '80, hon.; A. W. Armstrong, '82 S.; G. H. Bixby, '86; William L. Thacher, '87; E. Y. Ware, '91 S.; W. M. Peck, '93 L.; George S. Sumner, '95; Howard J. Fish, '93 S.; Edward P. Newton, '97; R. W. Whinfield, '95; Charles Halsey, '83; Clinton J. Curtis, '84.

## Changes in the Crews.

An important change was made in the make-up of the University Crew last Tuesday. Captain Payne Whitney took the place of W. B. Williams, 1900, at bow and H. P. Wickes, 1900, has been put in at No. 2. Several changes have been made in the Freshman Crew, but the order is so unsettled that it is practically impossible to publish an accurate list. The Freshmen have been over the mile in five minutes, twenty seconds, which is fast time over the harbor course so early in the year.