

FOUR ELEMENTS.

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undergraduate could tell us how long a course that makes.

LUX ET VERITAS ET FORTITUDO ET FRATERNITAS.

We have now added fortitudo to our Lux et Veritas. We must add one more word, "lux et veritas et fortitudo et fraternitas." This last is after all the supreme characteristic of Yale. On the campus brother meets brother and man meets man. As the sum of ethics is found in that combination of love and justice, the brotherhood of man, so Yale is stronger than the strongest in her recognition of worth and nobility in her men, without criticism of their antecedents of lineage or wealth, and in her sons standing together as brothers in peace and as a phalanx in strife.

Among the latest absurdities of our rage for societies whose membership relates only to the past, I observed a society whose membership is limited to Americans who may rightfully claim for some buried ancestor a coat of arms. Fraternity needs stronger cords than that. When a maniac upon that subject once asked the late President Pierce what was his coat of arms, the President replied, "My father's shirt sleeves at Bunker Hill."

Last Fall a football trophy was in peril and it almost seemed a certainty that the tradition that Yale is never beaten twice by the same team would be broken. This Yale spirit of brotherhood, which we find added in the quartet to light, and truth, and sand, seized the bugle and rang an alarm like Robin Hood's through Sherwood Forest. And from the East and the West and the North and the South the heroes of many victories, football experts beyond compare, came in troops to the athletic field to save the blue flag, and to keep the old motto from breach. I should like to name this loyal legion from Walter Camp, facile princeps! to Captain Butterworth, honor to him! Yale enthusiasts all, coming to help as plucky a captain and plucky a team as ever honored Yale at football, but Brother Twichell will do that thing better than I can. But that spirit of Yale brotherhood was invincible, and another victory over brave and stalwart Princeton was added to the long catalogue.

SOME PROFESSORS AND THE YALE SPIRIT.

It is this element of the Yale Spirit which has led so many of our loved professors, Brush and Sumner, and Lounsbury, and Brewer, and Gibbs and Chittenden, and others to reject many an offer to a higher salary and a more pretentious title. Like Moses of old, in the language of one of my old deacons who had a way of mixing scriptural phrases, "preferring rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter." It was this sense of loyal brotherhood which led that remarkable specimen of mathematics, angles, and learning, our old friend Prof. Loomis, to give so much of his private fortune to the University. Recently it has led that professor, easily first of all Americans, perhaps of all living men, in his special science, Professor Marsh, to give his valuable private archaeological collection to Peabody museum.

This then in brief, for we have many voices to hear, is the Yale Spirit—light and truth and courage and brotherhood. And why do we rejoice in it? Not alone nor chiefly because it makes a fine ideal, but because it adds to the best resources of individual manhood. It makes us as lawyers better, as clergymen better, as journalists better, as merchants, farmers, railroad men, all better and stronger, and braver, and purer. And more, it makes us better Americans. And what a privilege, what a duty to be a true American! What legacies of honor and bravery and patriotism! What traditions of freedom and independence and minding our own business is his heritage. While yielding to no one in admiration of the English common law and English literature, I pity the man with an American birthright who is a modern anglo-maniac paying his devotions to the weaknesses of the English aristocracy, waving palm branches and weaving halo crowns for Charles I. as a martyr, sending messages of congratulation to that highly respectable woman

who, by the accident of birth, is queen of England, upon New York's relations to her ancestor, George III. You remember the lines written or quoted by Thackeray:

George the 1st was very vile,
George the 2d viler,
And no mortal ever heard
Any good of George the 3d.
When the 4th to hell descended,
Praise to God the Georges ended.

YALE PATRIOTS.

It is often, and truly said that the life of the scholar is antagonistic to the life of the soldier. But the scholar has no antagonism to the patriot, and when patriotism calls to arms, the scholar's ear is quick to catch the sound. In 1774 Yale's President Stiles said: "We are to have another Runnymede in America," and in 1775 he was busy in camp. In 1779 old ex-President Nathaniel Daggett with his fowling piece blazing at British regulars made one of the most striking pictures of the Revolution, and a greater man than either of these presidents, a tutor at College, and a brigade chaplain in the Army, educated the youth of Yale, and everybody else in the reach of his influence, in the burning lessons of American independence, Timothy Dwight, grandfather of our own loved Timothy. Don't forget that from her small number of alumni, less than one thousand in all, Yale sent 234 officers and soldiers to active service in the Revolution. What seat of learning can tell a better story of devotion? And when our country again called to arms in 1861, Yale sent 758 of her alumni to defend the Union. And what a catalogue of heroes these earlier and later wars made for Yale! We may not name them—let us rather remember the "glorious milky way of their multitude." But, as to young Lycidas, dead ere his prime, let us drop one leaf, be it Judge Finch's "fame leaf or angel leaf," to that incarnation of the Yale Spirit, Nathan Hale.

May the breath of the old Simon Pure triple X Yale Spirit never forsake the Campus, nor the bosoms of the alumni, nor the activities of the nation! May it long live in its purity and power to make good students in the republic of letters, good citizens of the republic of Old Glory and good men in the brotherhood of humanity!

Professor Hadley to Mr. Hull.

[From The New Haven Register.]

H. A. Hull of New London, February 16, asked several questions of Prof. A. T. Hadley through the Register. At that time the latter refused to answer the questions in a newspaper, but said he would write Mr. Hull and the latter could give out the letter if he so desired.

Mr. Hull yesterday sent to the Register the following from Prof. Hadley. In order to better understand the Professor's letter, that portion of Mr. Hull's containing the questions propounded is again published.

Mr. Hull wrote:
"Suppose a young man, having or desiring to have a sound body, a clear mind and pure heart, should ask these questions:

1. Where should a Christian gentleman drink rum?
2. When should a Christian gentleman drink rum?
3. How should a Christian gentleman drink rum?
4. Why should a Christian gentleman drink rum?

I use the word "rum" generically. In His name what answers do you think should be given?"

NEW YORK CITY.
March 5, 1898.

My dear sir:

I regret to learn that my letter of the 17th was not mailed to you.

Whether the account of my speech in the New York Sun was correct or not I do not know. I have requested the publishers of the YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY to send you a correct account.

If a young man asked me those questions for his own guidance I should say that the gospels obviously prescribed no fixed rule; but that he had better not drink in doubtful cases. If he asked the question not as a guide for his own action, but as a basis for judging others I should tell him frankly that the gospel was far more explicit in urging abstinence from sweeping judgments than abstinence from alcoholic drink.

Sincerely yours,
A. T. HADLEY.

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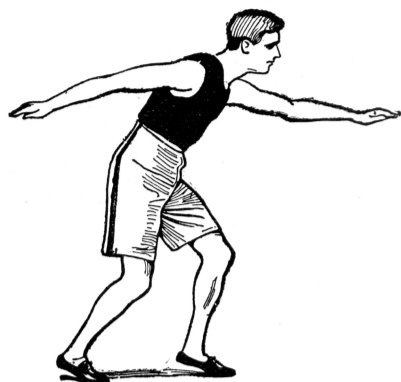
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