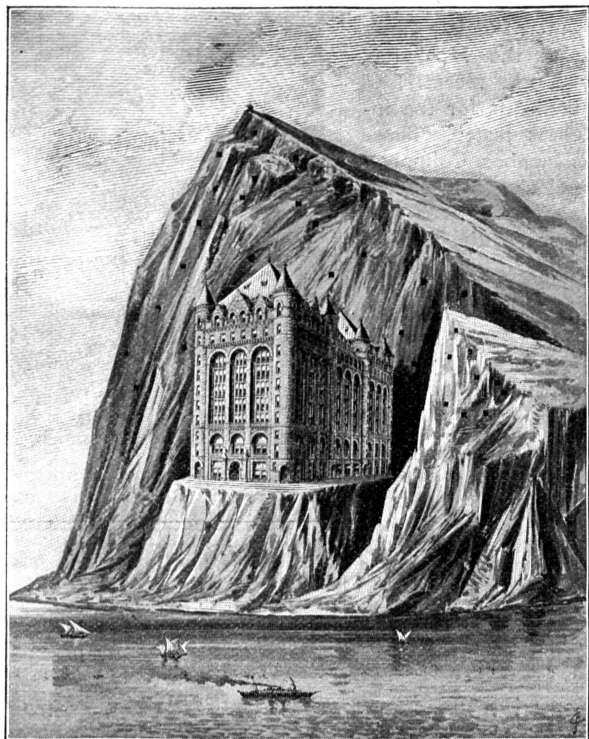


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CRITICISM OF COLLEGES.

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and all the classes to come are also to be considered; and the scholars not borne on its rolls, whom its wide influences affect, have some concern for its well being. A college is a corporation established, fostered and protected by public sanction for purposes of public concern. Having public duties it is properly amenable to public law and, within reasonable limits, to public opinion. Trustees and faculties are never backward about cultivating public approbation for the courses they favor, or for defeating any opposition to their aims. A notable instance of recent occurrence was the successful rally of public sentiment by the faculty and graduates of Brown University in opposition to a purpose of the trustees to restrain the liberty of the President of the institution. If Yale University is not affording sufficient or proper instruction in English, it is and should be, a matter of general interest. Those who think the instruction inadequate, if their representations made to the responsible authorities seem to be disregarded, have a perfect right in all loyalty to alma mater, and without violation of any sound canon of ethics, to make their criticism public and to support it by proper argument.

Perhaps it is not unaccountable that at the present time Trustees of Princeton should have an exaggerated sensitiveness touching the propriety of public criticism; for recently the University has felt the keen wind of it and has bent before the blast. Whatever humiliation may have come to Trustees and Faculty by being compelled to warn students from a favored bar, it will hardly be thought that the University has suffered harm. The corrected fault was not in alma mater, but in those who suffered her to become obnoxious to just criticism. Perhaps they would have done what they have now done at the suggestion of private criticism. Probably they would have dismissed such criticism with smooth phrases of thankfulness and compliment, and complacently let things drift.

WHERE CAN ONE CRITICISE?

Mr. Alexander says that attacks upon the faults of alma mater may be of value in the public press. If he would tell us where their place is, he would confer a favor. Is it in the college journals? But they are public newspapers and all newspapers of the land cull from them whatever is interesting. Is it at the meetings of alumni associations? But the proceedings of these are reported and no man is blameworthy for taking pains, as Gov. Chamberlain did, to be reported accurately when he is liable to have his language and his motive misrepresented. Is it at the general alumni dinner of Commencement week? However it may be at Princeton, Yale men know that criticism is not invited on these occasions in New Haven. If, by chance, anybody ventures a suggestion unacceptable to

the authorities, our professional post-prandial panegyrist, who sits at the Corporation table and makes the last speech, is alert to jump upon the rash man "with both feet," and utter fresh assurances, in lieu of those which have gone to protest, that the practical wisdom of the Yale Corporation transcends all the wisdom of all the business men with whom it has been his privilege to sit in the managing boards of a hundred great corporations. This is sure to get into the public press, whatever else may be left out.

The real point of Mr. Alexander's alleged remarks is that the management of colleges must never be publicly criticised. No deep affection for alma mater, no jealousy for her honor, no zeal for her growth, no regard for her primacy in the cause of liberal education, no fidelity to the needs of her present students, no care for the generations of students yet to be, warrants criticism of the established scheme of instruction or the qualifications of the instructors.

This is a doctrine which they who think it to be judicious and honorable may hold and may inculcate. But as the true patriot will not hesitate to condemn the evil ways of his country for which its chosen officers are responsible, so the faithful alumnus will attack the faults of alma mater for which the men are responsible to whom her affairs are temporarily intrusted; and he will procure the correction of such faults by all proper means. When the fault is serious and the guardians apparently indifferent or obdurate, no means are more legitimate than an appeal through the public press to the wisdom and good sense of the educated class of the community. "The invidious public" (this is obsolete English, holding a taint of ancient scorn; but it may be the reporter's and not Mr. Alexander's phrase) does not comprise this class. In fact, no influential portion of the readers of newspapers which would give space to such criticism will "gloat over" the deficiencies of any college. It is as improbable as that Mr. Alexander in his remarks was gloating over the alleged deficiency of the English Department of Yale.

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Junior Fraternity Elections.

The following elections to the Junior fraternities were announced recently:

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Alpha Delta Phi—Harry Manford Dewey, Oneida, N. Y.; William Kerfoot Stewart, Indianapolis, Ind., and Scovill McLean Buckingham, Watertown, Conn.

Zeta Psi—Merwin Bolton Bangs, New York City; Clarence Eugene Coffin, Indianapolis, Ind.; James Eldredge Wilson, Chicago, Ill.

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