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ATHLETICS.

According to a custom inaugurated last year, the WEEKLY gives up a large part of its space in this issue to the athletic situation. It is a time when the quietest and most academic of Yale men are looking forward with questioning hopefulness and are not averse to taking a look at the men in whose hands the reputation of the University on field and river will rest. They are goodly young men, quite alive to their responsibilities and full of a spirit of work. They are all helped out by graduates, whose help is freely given and gratefully received. No new measures have yet been taken to assure the University of this graduate service from just the right sources and at just the right times. Simple measures would effect this with no change in the principle of the Yale athletic system.

THE "HARVARD" AND THE "YALE."

The presence of graduates of Yale and Harvard quite numerous in the present Administration may account for the very graceful act of the Navy Department in using the names of these two Universities on the American Line steamers to be converted into auxiliary cruisers. It is a tribute to the position of these two Universities in the life of the nation which is, or ought to be, very thoroughly appreciated by them.

There is no severer criticism passed on Congressional acts and government policy than that which emanates from men connected with one or the other of these two Universities, and this severely critical spirit is sometimes taken as indicating a lack of sympathy with the ideas and traditions and ambitions of the people of this country. It is not necessary to develop the argument that, on the contrary, such a criticism merely indicates the intenseness of interest in the welfare of the Republic on the part of men who have given their life work to the study of the conditions which have surrounded the nation from its start, and who have more ground for intelligent deductions as to the safe and consistent policy for future action than 99 out of 100 men who will thoughtlessly and harshly condemn them for their courageous criticism.

Those who know best these University men who are oftenest heard in comment on national policies, know from what depth of patriotic feeling their protests and prayers ascend. It is

because they feel so keenly the possibilities of the American nation, of its development along safe and high lines, that they speak with such fervor from time to time against acts which seem to them painfully inconsistent with the ideals of the fathers and which handicap the nation in its own best work. One needs only to run over the history of the graduates of these institutions, as told in the pages of the nation's wars, if he is in doubt as to the quality of the patriotism which has been instilled into young minds at Cambridge and at New Haven.

This close association of the two Universities with the struggle which may be imminent and, at least, with a national crisis of gravest character, emphasizes once more an old, old lesson. It is true, that the people look to these Universities for the training of men in all the best ideals of American character. It is certainly true that they have come to look upon Yale as a place where workers are to be turned out; men who will be a part of the life of their community or of the nation; men who will fight, whether it be on the field, if the occasion demands, or at the ballot box, or the ward primary, or the senatorial caucus. It is greatly to be desired that such a place as this shall produce world masters in letters and learning, but it seems to be even more greatly desired and, at least, more imperatively demanded, that the University of Yale shall produce men who shall work and achieve in the public service; men executive. What a tremendous responsibility it places and what magnificent opportunity it erects! And how for weeks has the lesson been over and over again impressed, that nowhere do we more need to develop men alive to the calls and possibilities of public service and to their common duties as citizens than among those who have the opportunities of a university education and such antecedents and environments as are generally the lot of men who come to such a place as Yale.

Yale needs to make more of her splendid traditions in regard to public service and her intimate and honorable connection for two centuries with the life of the Town and the State and the Nation. We want memorials of our heroes. We want observations of national days. We want a more direct turn in our teaching towards the duties and opportunities of citizenship and public service. We want in the curriculum more consideration for the demands which these duties make. It is neither the time nor the place to discuss the wisdom of international policies already inaugurated and in process of execution. Men everywhere, and not the least at such a place as Yale, are to-day heartily and unitedly loyal. But much of that which we have gone through, and of that which may be before us, will be in vain if it does not emphasize the demands upon such a University as Yale for direct practical influence on the political life of that nation of which it is a part, and which it is often claimed to represent more truly than any other educational institution.

A false idea of modesty prevents many from supplying the YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY with items of interest concerning themselves. It is the right of a Yale man to know all about his friends and acquaintances. It is a part of a Yale man's obligation to report on himself. It is one of the chief purposes of the WEEKLY to keep the whole Yale family acquainted with itself and closely in touch from week to week. Please send in everything you know, proper for record, about yourself or anyone else.

A GIFT FOR THE "YALE."

Yale should not be slow in showing, in a substantial and enthusiastic way, that she appreciates the honor of the use of her name on one of the country's fleet. Let an appropriate gift be at once decided on and subscribed to by Yale men here and everywhere. Something is almost sure to be done in this line, and it must be the right thing. If you have suggestions send them in at once, by wire or mail, to this office and they will reach the proper hands. The gift must be worthy of Yale—a dignified and appropriate expression of the loyalty of a great American University.

A New Haven Country Club.

A New Haven Country Club has been organized with the following officers: President, Eli Whitney, Yale, '69; Vice-President, Gen. E. E. Bradley; Treasurer, C. K. Billings, Yale, '82; Secretary, Phelps Montgomery, '95. The foregoing, with the following, constitute the Board of Governors: Thomas Hooker, '69; J. Edward Heaton, Lewis H. English, and Prof. T. S. Woolsey, '72.

Grounds have been secured on the east shore of Lake Whitney, about seventy acres in extent. Plans for an elaborate club house were presented at a meeting of the Board of Governors, held Saturday evening, April 16. Improvements to cost about \$10,000 are contemplated for the first year, of which \$2,500 represents the cost of a foot-bridge across the lake at the Whitteville church.

The membership of the Club is over 200, about four-fifths of the total expected. The entrance fee for active members is \$25, and the annual dues \$25. The entrance fee for women is \$15 and dues \$15. For associate membership a fee of \$10 for boys and \$5 for women is required. The Yale undergraduate membership is not to exceed fifteen at any one time.

Work has already been begun on the links and six holes will probably be ready for play by the end of this week.

The undergraduates and graduate membership is as follows: A. A. Alling, '96; Morgan P. Brooks, '94 S.; Charles E. Curtis, '88 S.; F. S. Curtis, '96 S.; W. F. Day, '92 S.; D. Cady Eaton, '60; R. T. Holbrook, '93; D. R. Hooker, '99; R. S. Ives, '64; J. D. Jackson, '90; H. B. Jepson, '93; C. Kimberly, '65; D. E. Manson, '92; A. S. Osborne, '82; O. T. Osborne, '84 M.S.; W. S. Pordee, '82; C. E. Pickett, '95 L. S.; J. K. Punderford, '92 S.; A. H. Robertson, '72; T. H. Russell, '72 S.; L. C. Sanford, '90; C. H. Smith, '65; W. M. Strong, '93;

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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Messrs. William Beebe, Thomas Hooker, and T. S. Woolsey have been appointed a Green Committee to have charge of the golf links.

Messrs. J. K. Beach, J. W. Bristol, B. R. English, G. D. Seymour, and Eli Whitney will constitute the Building Committee, which will have special charge of the plans and construction of the bridge and club house.

The New Cruiser Yale.

When the news reached this city on Monday night that the American Liner Paris, which was recently acquired by the government to be used as a cruiser, had been named "Yale" in honor of the University, there was much delight expressed by the students and by the townspeople generally. The announcement was made from the stages of the various playhouses and bulletined on the Campus, and in an incredibly short time spread through almost the entire College. Wherever a group of students were to be found patriotic songs were being sung and cheers for the new cruiser given.

A movement will probably be put on foot to present to the Yale a suitable gift in recognition of the honor done the College.

Spring Football Practice.

The regular Spring practice for candidates for next Fall's University Football Team began Tuesday afternoon, in the Gymnasium lot. Practice will be held four times a week during the next two or three weeks, and then the annual punting contest will be held. The work will consist in practice for the backs and in punting. H. F. Benjamin, '98 S., will have charge of the men in the absence of Captain Chamberlin, who is home suffering from a lame knee.