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SEND IN WAR NEWS.

As a glance at our news columns will show, the WEEKLY will follow as far as possible the news concerning all Yale men in connection with the present war. Request has already been forwarded to correspondents to advise us at once of news of enlistment, promotion, or any other interesting circumstance concerning any Yale man in connection with the war. Of course, there are many organizations, especially in the eastern part of the country, in which Yale alumni number largely. We particularly request those connected with these organizations to give us all the information they can at the earliest moment possible.

As the war proceeds, of course news will be all the more interesting. In the case of casualties it is particularly desired that all details be forwarded at the first moment possible. If the alumni will make this a personal matter and will report in full concerning themselves and any Yale acquaintances, they will assist very materially in improving the service of the WEEKLY at a time when its news regarding the Yale family will be more earnestly desired than ever.

CRUISER FUND MUST BE RUSHED.

Let us not delay for a day or for an hour, this work of Yale endorsement of the Government and Yale appreciation of the honor which has been done her by the Republic. The plan for a dignified and inspiring gift for the cruiser has already met with the approval, practically unanimous, from the students of Yale. At the general Committee meeting on Monday, the total report of refusals to subscribe would not equal one in fifty among all the students. The sum of nearly one thousand dollars, already at hand, showed that twice that sum could be counted on if the occasion arose.

It is impossible thus far to definitely name the form of the gift. The assurance on behalf of the Committee that this gift would be chosen only after thorough endorsement by the University itself, and by the most representative alumni whose opinion can be secured, and, of course, by the Navy Department itself, will, we are sure, set at rest any doubts as to the propriety of any plan which shall be adopted.

This much is clear. The opportunity has been risen to by Yale as a peculiarly timely one, and the Government has already shown its very hearty appreciation of this response. Plans now in the works will effectually dispose of any objection arising from the temporary nature* of the cruiser's connection with the Navy. A memorial will be secured, which, when the Yale goes out of service of the United States Navy, as she probably will, can be returned to New Haven or, if the University desire it, can be placed in some fitting spot at the national Capitol. It would be particularly fitting to have such a memorial here. We have few enough of them to indicate the record of loyalty on the part of Yale men. It would be very helpful in years to come, to be able to point to some splendid figure or piece of rich workmanship of any nature, as an evidence of the quick and unwavering loyalty of all Yale.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

President's Dwight's annual report issued last week, and already in process of distribution to all of the alumni, is unusually meaty. It not only comes out flat-footed on the needs of the University and doesn't hesitate at figures ample for such needs, but it opens up interesting questions of University government and University development which are particularly the province of such a report. It is not necessary to review it at length here, for it is to be assumed that the alumni will be careful to study it. The amounts asked for as necessary in the immediate future are indicated in another editorial.

Nothing pleases us more than the development of the idea that the teacher at Yale must be something more than a man preëminent in his peculiar branch of learning. The personal equation is distinctly set down as necessary for consideration in the choice of those who make up the College staff. It may be possible to dwell on this point more fully later. It shows a particular sympathy with the idea of intimate personal relations in the teaching of men, which act directly on the character. This has always been a part of the life of the University.

It is refreshing, too, to see the plea for an early recognition of teaching talent. The idea of keeping a man waiting for his full professorship until he is thirty-eight or forty years old is not acceptable to President Dwight. An argument for a business-like understanding in the treatment of men who hope to make their life work of teaching at Yale, which is consistent with business principles and with equity, will receive their hearty endorsement not only from teachers, but from all the friends of the institution.

As for the College itself, the President points a direction in which the idea of government of the students is progressing and he believes the development a necessary one. It is the relegation of the questions of discipline to a picked body of men peculiarly adapted to that purpose. He reasons very forcibly against the idea of settlement of these cases of discipline by a body of men, soon to reach a hundred, who are never chosen with any respect to talent for the handling of men. It is plain that the College government has already progressed considerably along this line.

There is a note of sadness struck when the possibility of the destruction of the old Library building is pointed out. It may be possible to save this, but it means the destruction of what is to many the most attractive structure on the Campus. The silence on the ques-

tion of further demolition of the old Brick Row gives some ground for hoping that plans are being perfected for preserving at least one building in some place as a memorial of old Yale.

President Dwight follows his usual plan of making no reference to the subject of athletics, which form such a very large part of the life and interest of the students here.

The only reference to debating is comment on the work of the Leonard Bacon Club of the Theological School.

Among the personal tributes is a paragraph of very warm and sincere eulogy for the late Dr. Guy V. Thompson.

The value and generosity of the gift of Professor Marsh to the Museum is one that commands President Dwight's most enthusiastic approval. He measures Professor Marsh's act in no uncertain words as one of the most conspicuous benefactions in the history of the University.

Every alumnus should read his President's report.

If you haven't already done so through your Alumni Association, will you not kindly do your part towards making the Fund for the Cruiser "Yale" what it should be, and send your subscription of a dollar or more to the Cruiser Fund, YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY. Checks should be made payable to YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY, Agent, or Edward Sawyer, Treasurer.

WHAT YALE NEEDS.

Those who call Yale wealthy and powerful, and also those who know she is not, and who are always seeking to do what they may to meet Yale's most urgent needs, are both interested in the statement by the President of the University, in his last report, as to what is actually essential for Yale's proper work and her standing among the universities of America. It is given in the table below. Concerning it all the point made by President Dwight ought not to be forgotten. He thinks that these additions must necessarily come within the next six years. Here is the list:

University Hall	\$500,000
Completion of Law School Building	35,000
Clinical Building for Medical School	100,000
Central Portion of Peabody Museum Building.....	150,000
Biological Laboratory for Scientific School	150,000
Department Buildings—Mathematics, History, Political Science and others, (at least)	300,000

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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Endowment Funds, Theological School	100,000
Endowment Funds, Law School	200,000
Endowment Fund, Medical School	100,000
Professorship of Architecture in Art School	60,000
Increase in endowment Battell Professorship of Music.....	30,000
Addition to general funds Musical School.....	150,000
Scholarships in Graduate School	125,000
Professorships in Graduate School	100,000
Endowment Academic Department	200,000
Endowment Scientific Department	200,000
Fund for retiring allowances..	200,000
University Funds	200,000
Endowment Yale Infirmary..	35,000
Endowment Yale Observatory	50,000
Endowment for Library.....	200,000
Completion of Endowment of Semitic Chair.....	50,000

\$3,735,000.

This total would be increased by about another half million if we had included the maximum sums mentioned in several cases by the President. Wherever his recommendation was other than a definite sum, the smaller sum mentioned has been taken.

The President adds that the plans of the Bi-Centennial Committee contemplate securing from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 before October, 1901, and of this sum a very large portion must be secured within the next year and a half in order to accomplish the results which it is hoped will be complete at Bi-Centennial, one of which is the building of the commemorative University Hall.

Those who act as correspondents for the WEEKLY in whatever capacity are very strongly urged to use all possible haste in forwarding news of any event. It is very desirable that the report of a dinner should be sent off the night on which it occurs or at the very latest the next morning. Copy for any one week's issue can, with great difficulty, be handled after Tuesday morning and it should reach us as much before that as possible. Alumni notes should reach us by Saturday.

At a meeting of the Wayland Club on Wednesday, April 20, at the Law School, the following officers were elected for next year: President, R. L. McClave, '09; Vice-President and Treasurer, H. Sherwood, '09; Secretary, E. E. Grimm, '09. The Executive Committee will be appointed later by the President.