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THE YALE PLATOON.

It was not easy to keep still when the enlistments from Yale students began. It was probably well to do it, for there was, to put it mildly, no very great scarcity of patriotic enthusiasm on the Campus. And the WEEKLY tried to be fairly silent until it was all over.

Now that these boys have done that which their warm hearts told them to do, we must send our blessing to them. And we believe we may send it in the name of Yale. The Yale platoon of artillery will form a very goodly company in the army of the great Republic. They were the chosen men of their classes. This was not a set of adventurous, light-headed fellows. Their leaders and many others were those who had borne serious responsibilities among their fellows here; who had cool heads as well as true hearts. They have weighed the case very seriously. Since they could go; since no overwhelming duty made it necessary that they should remain behind, it became a controlling conviction with them that their country of right demanded the best, and that all they could give or do was little enough. If they had education and peculiar advantages of training and environment, so much the more they felt that they were of service. And in that spirit they went into the company and in that spirit they became a part of the forces of Connecticut for the national defense, and popularity and respect were theirs at once.

The young and educated man, Mr. Higginson told the Harvard boys, makes the best soldier. These young men will make good soldiers. If they must face the sternest scenes that the clash of nations may produce, their records, we may safely say now, will be such as will help to lift war out of hell's horrors to heights of noblest deeds.

And Yale is better for their having gone. And the educated people of this country, for whom she stands, are stronger in their influence in the country because the best sons of the great mother so willingly offered their all when their nation called.

PUNISHMENT FOR CHEATING.

Harvard has relaxed a little the severity of the discipline first proposed for those detected in cheating. It was at first proposed to dismiss a man de-

tected in handing in written work which was not his own and then to post his name. The Harvard *Crimson* protested against the posting as the infliction of a disgrace which might follow a man through life. The WEEKLY expressed at that time the opinion that hardly any punishment was too severe for this iniquity. The very extreme measures originally proposed seemed to fit the necessity of the occasion, for any penalty must strike hard if it is to dislodge a prejudice, an ethical misconception, which looks on one kind of dishonesty in an entirely different light from that in which upright men regard most false actions.

The Harvard Faculty do not intend to make public the name of the offender, but to summarily remove him and make public announcement that action had been taken of this nature and that the name of the offender is known to the members of the Faculty. There have been differences of opinion as to the advisability of the extreme measures originally proposed, but on this basis all those of different opinion are united. It may be wise for secondary reasons to take this step towards more lenient treatment, but we are still of the opinion that hardly anything can be too severe for such cases. The student mind cannot be allowed to be warped by hopelessly false moral ideas.

It is only comparatively recently that the authorities here at Yale, according to the opinion of many, have risen to a conception of the gravity of this offense, and have shown a willingness to meet it with the unwavering severity for which it calls. Yale's record in this respect is not what it should be, and for this, both Faculty and students are jointly responsible.

There is just one candidate for the vacancy on the Corporation. In this case, one is amply sufficient. It is a pleasure to record that there will be no contest over the successor to the Hon. Henry E. Howland of the Class of Fifty-four. Judge Howland cannot now avoid succeeding himself.

The Springfield *Republican* suggested that the gift from Yale to the new cruiser should be in the form of the good old mascot "Handsome Dan" in eternal brass. This would have meant years of competition by sculptors of two continents to reproduce this form so as to meet the approving eye of the Yale family. The scheme is ideal and idyllic, but the Deweys are not working on just this time schedule.

We learn from one of the reliable evening papers that Mr. Frank Thomson, the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., has given a \$35,000 yacht to Harvard University, for the purpose of allowing Captain Robert Johnson Cook suitable accommodations for coaching the Harvard Crew. Mr. Cook has been interviewed on the subject and has expressed his interest and pleasure in the news. He said that he had supposed that he was assigned for service indefinitely on the well-known Quin-niac patrol boat, the Yale. It is to be assumed, however, that Captain Cook will show his discipline by accepting service at any place in these martial times.

The response of Yale to the request for funds for the gift to the cruiser has been of a kind to make the Yale heart glad. Those who have not yet contributed may still have their gift go into the common fund for the guns and the colors, by forwarding it to this office.

"BOSCABELLO" AT HARVARD.

Harvard Professors Take Sides on the War Question.

[Correspondence of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

Next to the functions of Commencement week, the annual Hasty Pudding Play takes precedence in Harvard's social calendar. The play this year, "Boscabello," has been presented to crowded houses, both in the club theatre at Cambridge, and at the Bijou Opera House in Boston. The audience which gathered to witness the final Boston performance was the largest in the history of Hasty Pudding dramatics.

The scene of the play this year is the mythical island of "Boscabello," where Captain Kidd's treasure was reputed to be buried. The island is commanded by a noble spaniard, General Bluff. During the first act a shipwrecked party of Bostonians arrives on the scene, one of whom, Phil. Space, a reporter for the *Fireside Companion*, at the conclusion of the farce, kills the bellowing bull, who guards the ground above the buried treasure.

The libretto of the play this year was fully up to the standard of previous performances, while the music was exceptional. Captain Rand of the baseball team composed the music, and the songs and libretto were written by four members of the senior class.

The best acting was done by J. F. Brice, who, in the rôle of Lord Howe Poore, correspondent for the London *Hard Times*, gave an admirable impersonation of a traveling member of the English nobility. The difficult part of "Miss Holda Penn, reporter for the *Ladies' Home Journal*," as played by C. N. L. Johnson, with a dashing feminine manner, would have done credit to a female detective. The veteran Harvard football guard, Norton Shaw, caused much amusement as the matronly Mrs. Beacon, the wife of a Boston Banker, and R. de K. Gilder in the rôle of Penelope Beacon, her daughter, made a typical "blue-blooded Back Bay Swell." The other parts were well taken.

The chorus was excellent throughout, and a hornpipe by "six jolly tars" was the most attractive of the specialties. Four "Daughters of Piracy" entertained with stories of the great deeds of their ancestors.

The Cambridge Fire Department, which proved so inefficient in the recent dormitory fire, came in for repeated "roasting," and there were the customary grinds on the faculty.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE WAR.

Harvard correspondents of Boston and New York newspapers have entertained the public with frequent interviews with Harvard professors containing their views upon the war with Spain.

When Professor Norton addressed his class in Fine Arts a fortnight ago upon the causes and purpose of the war, his remarks were extensively reported and caused intense resentment among certain Harvard men who are enthusiastically supporting the war policy. Prof. Norton was

LIBERALITY IN LIFE INSURANCE.

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promptly branded as a Tory by the majority of the Boston papers, and letters were published about the Toryism of Harvard. Since then other professors, including McVane and Hart of the Department of History, have spoken in disapproval of the war, while Professor Pierce and others have supported the conduct of the administration.

A lively discussion has ensued as to just what Professor Norton did say to his class. He was reported to have characterized the war as "unjust" and unnecessary and to have said that the army was no place for college students and discouraged enlistment. Since the reports appeared, however, his friends have repudiated these remarks as inaccurate, and Professor Norton and Professor Hollis (formerly in the United States navy) have consented to speak in Cambridge on the war question. As they are understood to hold opposite views upon the justification for the war, an interesting discussion is anticipated.

J. WESTON ALLEN.

Nautical Almanacs, 1898; Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac, 1898; Bowditch's Navigator; Tide Tables, 1898; Coast Pilots; U. S. Government Charts of all ports Long Island Sound and adjacent waters, and of the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Mexico—covering the present fields of "War operations"—Kept on hand at the New Haven Custom House (P. O. Building), Hydrographic Charts of all the seas and coasts of the world supplied on short notice. Passports supplied in three days' time.—*Adv.*

War Extras—the naval reserves.—*Yale Record.*

"I am on the dog watch," lamented the hot-frankfort man as he looked for a customer.—*Yale Record.*

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