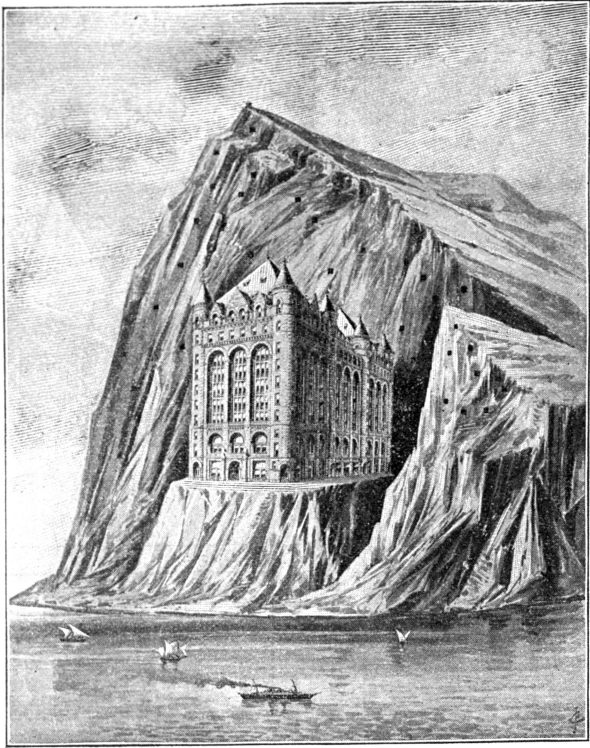


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### "SECTIONAL SARCASM."

A Rebuke for the Writer of "Yale and the War."

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir: A Yale man, whose birth-place and home are at the Southern end of the United States, has read the last two paragraphs of "W. A.'s communication to the WEEKLY of May 12th, under the title "Yale and the War," with inexpressible sadness.

This Southerner belongs to a small club, to which he usually takes the WEEKLY, after reading it; but, when he read "W. A.'s" communication, he deemed it better to conceal the number which contained it, lest his Southern friends, reading it in a Yale paper, might be led to believe that "W. A.'s" bitter sentiments were representative of the Yale which this Southern alumnus has endeavored to teach his Southern friends to love and reverence, as he loves and reverences her.

In the midst of feelings of spontaneous and blood-warming patriotism, the writer's heart is filled with sadness by being thus reminded that there exists, at this time, an American—especially a Yale man—whose nationalism is so

much restricted that he, even while his country stands united in the face of a foreign foe, endeavors to draw the attention of the ranks to words of sarcasm calculated to embitter the heart of many a fellow countryman. Is this the time for a lover of a united country to publish abroad a letter sarcastically comparing to Spanish atrocities the traditions, and to Spanish corruptionists the venerated hero of a large section of his country? Does he expect thereby to aid in solidifying the union of the sections? If he believes, as we of the South believe, that this is the time for Americans, North, South, East and West, to stand side by side and present a united front to the alien foe, then why does he of the North suggest to us of the South, in sarcastic language, that as long as any American respects the motives which prompted our sires to fight, and even to die, as long as any American shows reverence for the goodness and admires the greatness of the general who led our sires in battle, so long must the "patriotism" of that American be regarded with suspicion?

Is "patriotism" a sentiment so narrow? Is not he who endeavors to cement the sections of his country in a genuine enthusiasm for her great destinies more patriotic than he who endeavors to impose as a test of patriotism a bitter condemnation of the traditions and dead heroes of a large section of his country?

Yale men whose fathers were slaveholders love their country as truly as the sons of men who lived in free States. The Yale men, North and South, who planted against Yale's stately walls the memorial ivy from the tomb of Lee, were striving to cement the true union with a patriotic love more genuine and spontaneous than the patriotism of "W. A.," who, at a time when the voice of the whole country is raised in a noble anthem, a spontaneous burst of national harmony, breaks in upon the beautiful accord with a false note of bitter sectional sarcasm. H. A. B.

### The "Voice" Prize Essay.

The prize of \$50, recently offered by the *Voice* for the best essay by a Yale student on "Why New Haven Should Vote No-license," was won by Mr. Edgar Heaton Price, in the Senior class of the Yale Divinity School. Mr. Price is a native of Missouri, having graduated from Drury Academy, Springfield, Mo., in 1895.

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