

HARVARD'S DINNER.

President Eliot on the War—He takes issue With Mr. Adams.

At Harvard's Commencement dinner, Wednesday afternoon, at Memorial Hall, the war was the principal theme. Fifteen hundred guests were present, and that meant cutting off a good many when the doors were closed.

The opening speech of President Charles Francis Adams, to the Alumni Associations, contained very severe references to the policy of Imperialism. He referred to the difference in the cost of war and the cost of education, saying that the United States is spending now, in the contest with Spain, three times as much money every month as Harvard has been able to accumulate in more than two hundred and fifty years.

In introducing President Eliot, Mr. Adams said that the cost of the present war, estimated at forty million dollars a month, would run three hundred and fifty-five Universities like Harvard. President Adams' reference to the war and his comparison of the men who were serving now and those who went out in '61, to the great disparagement of the former, who, he said, were going out for conquest, and his contemptuous references to the "glittering illusion of imperialism," were received in solemn silence.

President Eliot's reference to the war was in the following words:

"I am not sure that I should be able to follow President Adams in the line he has suggested. The quick capital of Harvard University is not more than the cost of two battleships will win? (Great applause and cheers.) It was Charles Sumner, who looks down upon us from the other side of this hall, who first made comparisons of that nature, and some years after he had made them, there came upon us the terrific struggle which President Adams has been describing so eloquently. About that time I came to the conclusion that the whole argument of Charles Sumner was a vicious one. (Great applause.) I have been talking with the students here for the last two months about going to this war. In 1861, when I was an assistant professor here, I talked with a great many friends and comrades who went to that war, and I want to testify that although the two wars, in their origin and their motive, can hardly be compared, the spirit which animates the youth in Harvard University is now just what it was then. (Loud applause and prolonged cheering.)"

"The educated youth who loves his country does not stop to consider in what precise cause his country has gone to war. If he did he could not find out. (Great laughter.) If we look back on the former wars we shall clearly see, I think, that the men who began each one of those wars had not the slightest conception of whither the war was to lead them. That is true, I believe, of every war in which this country has been engaged. And certainly in this case, when the problem was presented to the youth of the university: 'Shall we enlist in the service of the country?' not a man knew whether this war was immediately to lead our people. Our youth have gone to war for the simple kinds of reasons. Some said: 'The Government want 200,000 men. I am a man and I am free to go; I will go.' That is a common frame of mind. Others went from mixed motives—a general sense of duty; a love of adventure; a hope to see new things, to feel new sensations; the hope of testing one's self under stress, in danger imminent. And others offered their lives and their labor to the country without much thought except for love—just as a lover throws a rose at the feet of his mistress. (Loud applause.) I doubt if there is anybody alive who can give much instruction to Harvard University concerning true patriotism. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)"

Other Commencements.

Tuesday, June 28th, the Trustees of Amherst College accepted the resignation of President Gates, adopting the following minute: "That the resignation of Dr. Merrill E. Gates as President of Amherst College is accepted, to take effect at the expiration of his present leave of absence, and that, in accordance with his expressed desire to be

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relieved of the heavy burden which he has borne for these last years, he is hereby relieved of all further responsibility for the administration of the College from the present announcement."

A Committee has been appointed to consider the matter of securing a new President. President Gates is to continue in office, nominally, nearly a year, and it was not thought proper to offer the appointment of anybody else until the end of term.

Trinity College, Hartford, celebrated its seventy-second Commencement on Thursday, June 30th. Honorary degrees were conferred as follows:

"Doctor of Laws—Rev. Joel Foote Bingham, D.D., Yale Lecturer in Trinity College. Doctor of Divinity—Rev. William Benham, B.D., honorary canon of Canterbury and Boyle Lecturer, London, Eng.; Rev. William Henry Lewis, Trinity, '65, M.A., Rector of St. John's Church, Bridgeport, Conn."

At Bates College, the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on J. R. Savage, Judge of the Maine Supreme Court.

Please hurry to this office every scrap of war news about Yale men which comes your way. Put in every detail you can. Please send this news as fast as it comes to you. It is especially necessary to get it promptly.

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No regular Summer practice for the Football squad of next Fall has as yet been decided upon, for it has been impossible so far to secure a permanent coach, who would be desirable. The following men however have been notified

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VACATION.

EVERY STRAW HAT suggests it. Exams. are long since over. The Baccalaureate is well-nigh forgotten in our outing plans, while Alumni Hall and your course in Social Science or Medieval History has lost all interest. The race even has about given place to "Where are you going?" June is over, '98 has bade their good-byes to Yale.

For all of us a turn of the year is at hand. "A change and a rest" is in the air, and there are very few who will not find their road leading out into the country before long. A month, or a week, or a day; "furrin parts," the sea, or the mountains, it may be no more than the country just beyond the city's gates; but wherever or however it comes, it is for all a time of lazy enjoyment, each in his own way, and the work thereafter runs infinitely better for it. Vacation is as necessary for man as work is for the world, and the way to get the most out of it is to take it whole-heartedly, and don't even think "shop."

There is one thought though that may well enough go with us, and that is of a certain gentleman who takes no vacation. He is an old man, too, a gray-bearded old man who needs a rest—but he is ever at work in his fields, scythe in hand. However broad the swath that lies behind, no year in all the past has yet brought rest for him.

Scarcely one of us but has heard the swish of his blade in some neighbor's field. It may have been the harvest of a dear friend or a loved relation which has been garnered. And though it is seldom spoken of, we all know that sooner or later he will surely come for us.

This thought, not wholly pleasant, is not suggested here to throw any damper on your time of relaxation and rest; not to play the skeleton at the feast. It is merely that one may realize the inevitable in time, and provide as far as possible that the catastrophe shall not add want and penury to the grief of those who must be left behind.

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