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## A YALE ENTERPRISE.

The kind of information to which this number of the WEEKLY is especially given, is the kind which a good many people insist on ignoring when they treat of Yale University and the ways of its student population. The manner in which the men of character and conviction employ themselves while they are a part of this Yale community are not the ways whose description helps to sell papers, which depend on sensational fiction for their circulation. These prefer the vagaries of the few, to the serious work of the many. It is not worth while to speak of these liars, except that there are many people who really desire to know the truth and have a sincere anxiety for the welfare of such a place as Yale, who allow themselves to be led around by the nose by these devils of the daily press and by the money changers who try to place their tables in the temple of good works.

Now and then the work and the purposes and the spirit of the Yale community find a substantial expression in the result of years of well sustained effort on good lines. The completion of the new Yale Mission building is one of the best instances of this. The event makes it interesting to go back over the years since it was established, to see what enthusiasm and good sense have been put into its development. The story is well worth one's attention whether he is particularly interested in this kind of student activity or not, for it is in such efforts as these that a large part of the men who make and control the Yale of to-day are occupied.

It will not be necessary to call the matter particularly to the attention of those who have a direct interest in such things. We sincerely hope that the Committee which has done so well will now receive the final endorsement of their efforts, and that when the work in the new building begins it will be free from the incumbrance of even a small debt.

## DRIVE THEM OUT.

For reasons that have already been given, and in view of the already evident desire to improve the conditions another year, the WEEKLY has refrained from a discussion of the problem of the distribution of the football

tickets. The conditions under which the undertaking is now carried on are impossible. If Yale perpetuates them, the difficulties of future management will probably grow greater rather than less. But until something is known about the policy of the future, we think it better not to go into the matter.

One aspect of the matter is, however, worth some emphasis. The disgrace of speculation has never been keenly enough realized. When a man secures the privileges of a student at Yale he becomes responsible to the organization of Yale,—to the society of Yale, if you will call it that. When he sells those privileges for money, no pains ought to be spared to make him understand that he no longer belongs to Yale. Figuratively speaking, he ought to be drummed out of camp. His name may still remain on the rolls, if the Faculty see fit to keep such a creature on the lists of the institution; but neither the Faculty nor students should have any excuse for not knowing who such a fellow is. There are absolutely no extenuating circumstances that occur to us in the case of a man who sells his tickets for gain, having secured them on the strength of his character as a Yale man.

But, despite all that has been known about this, down to names and prices, there have never yet been steps taken to inflict the penalty. Within fifty feet of the Association's headquarters, race track sharks shake in the faces of alumni bunches of the best tickets on the ground. Merchants who depend on Yale University for most of their business go into collusion with those who are willing to be Yale men for revenue only and quietly display seats, in the middle section of the Yale side, at \$10.00 per seat, to graduates of the College, who have given to Yale of their time and their money unstintingly, and who have been located on the upper tier of the end stand. These tickets are all marked and the record shows to whom they went.

As we have said, the managements do not seem to have appreciated the meanness of this business or the deep indignation of Yale's friends, who see it tolerated at their expense. But there will be no excuse for not appreciating it in the future. Hundreds of the best people of Yale, from the Freshman to the oldest graduate, have felt and suffered and condemned this thing. Those who have, hereafter, the responsibility for the distribution of the tickets for the great athletic events, will make a very serious mistake if they hesitate at any outlay of money necessary to secure the conviction of every Yale Hessian; or if they allow fear or a mistaken idea of mercy to prevent the publication of all the details of the crime.

Some of us feel that Yale officers are rather slow at times in purging the lists of those who cannot honorably wear the Yale colors. Let not those who are in the ranks make this weak mistake.

The necessity for action is equally urgent whether there are few or many. If there are few, then let the reproach be taken away from the many; if there are many, there is all the more reason for running them out of camp in droves and saving the Yale stock from degeneration.

## FOOTBALL IMPROVEMENT.

The Harvard *Crimson*, in one of its comments on the football game of November 19th, compares the contest with that in Springfield in 1894, pointing to the improvement in the way in which the game has been played, in the direction of lessening violence and

roughness and bad feeling. The *Crimson* attributes this improvement to President Eliot and the Athletic Committee of Harvard, although giving some credit to the strict rulings of field officials, like Dashiell.

The *Crimson* will find a great many excellent judges, who will freely attribute great good to the influence of such an official as Dashiell. As to the influence exerted on the game of football by the course taken by the very distinguished President of Harvard and the athletic officials of that University, the *Crimson* seems very much in earnest, and for that reason we don't venture to take up the contention in the light in which it appears to us.

## Why Yale Failed.

[Charles Hopkins Clark, '71, in Hartford Courant.]

Perhaps it would have been better if last week the Yale football team had resigned and Timothy Dwight had not. That's the way it looks up here.

There seems just one complete and unanswerable explanation of why Yale did not beat Harvard on Saturday and that is that she could not do it. Never before was a Yale team more entirely in the hands of its antagonists than were those unhappy boys on the Yale Field, whose soil has hitherto never felt the feet of Yale men except as victors. Harvard fell upon them, as the rain fell on every body, and their name was mud.

The wearers of the crimson were entitled to the success that their pluck and skill won for them. No doubt, they enjoyed the unaccustomed sensation of going home winners. It is agreeable. Yale has often had the experience and liked it. But that has been in years when her team was played against, not played with, as it has been this year.

## Prom Arrangements.

The arrangements for this year's Prom are already being made. The preliminary dance orders have been placed at the Coöp., and there are, as usual, eighteen regular dances, eighteen intermissions and five extras. The list alternates between waltzes and two-step, as in previous years.

Books have been placed at the Coöp. in which all men who expect to attend their class germans may place their subscriptions. As yet but few men seem to have decided whether they will attend or not and but few names have been signed.

The large number of subscriptions received in recent years, at an early date, made it possible for the committee to allot the members of the Junior class boxes at a low fixed price, and it is sincerely hoped that this arrangement may be followed this year. To do this

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## Ninety-Six to Mrs. Ives.

At a meeting of the members of the Class of Ninety-Six residing in New York City and vicinity held at the Yale Club on Nov. 10, a Committee was chosen to send a letter to Mrs. Ives, expressing the feeling of those present at the death of her son, Gerard Merrick Ives, Yale '96.

The Committee which performed this work was composed of the following men: Walter P. Paret, Thomas S. Kingman, H. G. Fisher and M. D. McKee.

The same Committee purposes investigating the feelings of the Class about a suitable memorial for Gerard Merrick Ives, and will make its report at the Triennial next June.

## Archaeological Institute.

The annual meeting of the New Haven Society of the Archaeological Institute of America was held in Phelps Hall on Friday, November 18. The following were elected for the ensuing year: President, Timothy Dwight, '49; Vice-President, Hon. S. E. Baldwin, '61; Secretary and Treasurer, Professor H. M. Reynolds, '80 Counselor, Prof. E. P. Morris, '74. It was also decided to have occasional lectures during the year. After the business meeting Professor J. H. Wright of Harvard University delivered an illustrated lecture on "A Painting of Appelles."

## Will Yale Let Go?

[Springfield Republican.]

It will also have to be said that President Dwight's administration was coincident with Yale's most brilliant athletic victories. The old Yale football supremacy goes with Timothy Dwight.

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