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## THE DEBATING VICTORY.

In the face of great natural difficulties, Yale, through the hard working of her students and the faithful coöperation of those of greater years, has won a most excellent victory on the platform. We congratulate those who won it and those who helped them to win it.

There is no particular reason for congratulating the student body of Yale. The support at the debate in the way of attendance was not good. The audience was unworthily small.

Wouldn't debate fare better at Yale if the chance to secure the opportunities of a membership in the Union, or a place at the banquet, were not offered so freely? Isn't debate made too cheap?

## A GENEROUS FRIEND OF YALE.

The generousities of Mr. John W. Hendrie, Yale '51, to his alma mater, have been very handsome and very frequent in the last few years. And they do not cease. We congratulate the Yale Law School and Yale on having such a friend.

## YALE ORATORY (?)

Why cannot Yale have form as well as substance in her debates? It is very well to glory in the record of solid fact and clear argument and quick advantage taken of weak points. It speaks well for the virility of mind and thoroughness of drill, and we are glad to see debates won by good hard logic.

But why not try for oratory in the speakers representing Yale University? We have not in mind any particular band of debaters, as being especially deficient in this sort of thing. Practically all of Yale's debaters have been conspicuous for the absence of the effective graces of oratory. Indeed, all public speaking at Yale shows the same thing. Yale men are generally wooden when they get on a platform. They badly strain the natural bond of sympathy between them and their audience. Were it not for that natural sympathy, we grieve to think what the result might be. The best arguers and thinkers of the Senior Class and the professional schools would, generally, have a mighty poor time trying to make an impression on a critical—not to say a hostile—audience.

The fault is a fault of the Yale education. It is not a fault of the debating system. There is a very capable instructor in platform service on the Faculty, but matters are not so arranged that his work makes any appreciable effect on the men who ought to be good speakers. Oratory is an art and an inestimably valuable one for the educated man, who wants to do his part in public service. At a time when, to an almost alarming degree, men of brains and character are needed in the public service, the national institution, Yale, famous for the training of men for work among men—for public work—is not at all doing her part in a most important direction. We commend the matter to the attention of the Corporation of Yale.

## SOLDIERING IN MANILA.

Letter from Harry W. McCauley, '88,  
Corporal 1st Colo. Regt.

The WEEKLY is in receipt of a communication from Corporal Harry W. McCauley, '88, of Denver, Col., through Class Secretary Philip Pond, 2d, from Manila, Philippine Islands, in response to a request for his war record with the United States troops in that part of the world. The record will be printed in the Eighty-Eight Class Book soon to appear, but Mr. Pond has kindly handed it to the WEEKLY for earlier publication. It runs as follows:

On May 1, 1898, I was mustered into the United States service at Denver, Colorado, on the President's first call for volunteers, becoming a private in Company E, First Regiment Colorado Infantry, U. S. Volunteers. In order to do so I resigned my position as reporter on the *Republican*, but was then directed to act as the Denver *Republican* staff correspondent wherever our regiment might be sent. This work I have done in such leisure minutes as the discharge of a soldier's duty permitted. My articles have appeared in the Denver *Republican* always as signed articles. I have also written signed articles for the Boston *Globe* since sailing for the Philippines.

The regiment was in camp at Camp Adams in the suburbs of Denver, Colorado, from April 29 to May 17, 1898; at Camp Merritt, San Francisco, from May 21 to June 14, on which day the second expedition for the Philippine Islands went aboard transports in the harbor of San Francisco. When next day just after noon, June 15, the expedition sailed for the war in the Orient the various transports of the expedition carried the following troops: Steamship China, flagship of Brigadier-General F. V. Greene—1st Regiment Colorado Infantry, U. S. V.; half of Battery B, 1st Utah Light Artillery, U. S. V.; two companies 18th Regiment Infantry, U. S. A.; a detachment of engineers; and ten marines for service on Rear Admiral Dewey's dispatch boat McCulloch. Steamship Senator—1st Regiment Nebraska Infantry, U. S. V. Steamship Zealandia—two battalions of the 10th Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry, U. S. V.; half of Battery B, 1st Regiment Utah Light Artillery, U. S. V. Steamship Colon—two companies 18th Regiment Infantry, U. S. V.; four companies 23d Regiment Infantry, U. S. V.; Battery A, 1st Regiment Utah Light Artillery, U. S. A.

These troops of the second expedition, together with the 1st Regiment California Infantry, U. S. A., which had sailed three weeks before on the first expedition, are the ones that took the most active part in the subsequent siege and capture of Manila.

The second expedition, with which I sailed, left San Francisco June 15; reached Honolulu June 23, where it was feasted two days by the residents of that place. The departure from Honolulu was at noon of June 25.

On the morning of July 4, which was July 5 in the United States, Brigadier-General Greene and a number of officers from the various military organizations on the China landed on Wakes' Island, latitude 19.15 north, longitude 166.33 east, which may be of future use for a cable station. I was the only enlisted man in the party. As the island seemed to be uninhabited, we took possession

of it in the name of the United States and without loss of life raised the American flag which is flying there still, for aught anybody knows. Records of the taking possession of the place were left there in the usual weather-proof boxes.

## WORKING ON ENTRENCHMENTS.

Our expedition arrived in Cavite harbor July 16, and two days later my regiment was landed on the Island of Luzon between Cavite and Manila at a camp four miles from Manila and which later was officially designated as Camp Dewey. My regiment was the first complete regiment to get so near to Manila, only one battalion of the 1st Regiment California Infantry locating in Camp Dewey four days before the 1st Colorado went ashore.

July 29 the campaign against Manila was begun in earnest by the construction of rifle pits and entrenchments for the artillery a mile south of Malate, one of the outlying districts of Manila, where the strongest land fortifications of the Spaniards were situated. These entrenchments were thrown up, almost to the last foot of earth, by my regiment, which also repaired roads for the transportation of artillery. Brigadier-General Greene said that he considered the Colorado regiment the backbone of his brigade.

## RAISED FIRST AMERICAN FLAG.

My regiment was in the fights of July 31, August 1 and 2. On the day of the Battle of Manila, August 13, the First Colorado was given the position of honor in the firing line, that is directly opposite Fort San Antonio de Abad, the strongest fortification in the Spanish line.

Before Rear Admiral Dewey had completed his bombardment and while the guns of the Utah Light Artillery were still battering away at the Spanish forts and block houses, my regiment led the land attack, capturing the first Spanish works, Fort San Antonio de Abad, on which the first American flag was raised. This was at eleven A. M. Half an hour later the first American flag was raised in Manila, in the district of Malate. This flag was that of the First Colorado, and while it was being raised one of our men was mortally wounded beside it; but Color Sergeant Richard G. Holmes of our regiment planted the flag in spite of the bullets that rained all about him and his dying comrade.

During the whole of the fight our band, the only one that went into the engagements with its instruments, cheered us on to victory with "Star Spangled Banner," "A Hot Time," and the like. It was our band and our regiment that took part in the raising of the American flag over the ramparts of Manila late in the afternoon when the city surrendered.

Perhaps, my dear Pond, this may appear to you as largely braggadocio. But facts are facts and both the American and the European newspapers since the surrender have awarded the honors

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of the occasion to the First Colorado regiment.

We are, as it were, not the Rough Riders at the battle of Santiago, but the Rough Walkers at the Battle of Manila.

September 1, I was made a Corporal. I feel as proud of this promotion as I did when I became a Sophomore. Our regiment is now barracked in the San Sebastian district of Manila. How long it is to be kept here no one knows. The American troops have finished the fight with the Spaniards, but they are now engaged in a battle with small pox and the numerous fevers which infest this country. The graveyard is growing very fast.

Although not wounded in battle I am having a set-to with a cold and a bad attack of malaria, trusting all the while that it will not turn into typhoid malaria.

Unless the regiment is ordered home, a letter addressed as below will reach me.

Sincerely yours in Yale '88,

HARRY W. MCCAULEY,  
Company E, 1st Regt. Colorado Infantry,  
U. S. Volunteers, Manila.

## Yale's Victory.

[Editorial in Yale News.]

Another splendid victory has been placed to Yale's credit by her defeat of Princeton in the fifth annual debate between the two Universities. It was a struggle to determine a temporary supremacy, since each had hitherto won two contests; and Yale proved equal to the occasion. In point of logic and strength of argument the speeches of our representatives showed a remarkable degree of perfection and a thorough mastery of the subject. Their rebuttals, where, on account of their comparative inexperience, our men might have been expected to weaken, have seldom been surpassed in the history of intercollegiate debating. Princeton, however, was far from easily vanquished. Her team was composed of men who were worthy opponents in every respect. Their delivery was superb; they fought well. But they were unable to maintain their ground successfully. For Messrs. *Kitchel*, *Leavitt* and *Walcott* the University has naught but words of commendation and of praise, and for their untiring loyalty and conscientious efforts they have our sincere gratitude.

## Regretted at Princeton.

[Editorial in Princetonian.]

Princeton's defeat last night at the hands of Yale in the first of the intercollegiate debates this year is regretted.

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Heretofore Princeton has held her own against Yale, and owing to the disproportion numerically between the two colleges a considerable public has awarded the first place to Princeton; but last night's defeat has materially changed this phase of the question, and Princeton is again behind in the race.

There is one way, only, by which the stigma of the present defeat may be partially removed, and that is by defeating Harvard, who is popularly considered the champion in argumentative contests.

## Harvard's Football Captain.

William Armstead Moale Burden of New York has been elected Captain of the Harvard Football Team for next year. He prepared for College at the Groton School, where he played on the Eleven for two years at center. He played on his Freshman team. Last year Burden was substitute center, and this year has played at right-guard in every game. He is twenty-one years old.

The second of the series of Berkeley sermons was preached by Rev. Floyd Tomkins, D.D., of Providence, R. I., in Trinity Church on Sunday, December 11th.

## Yale Law School.

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