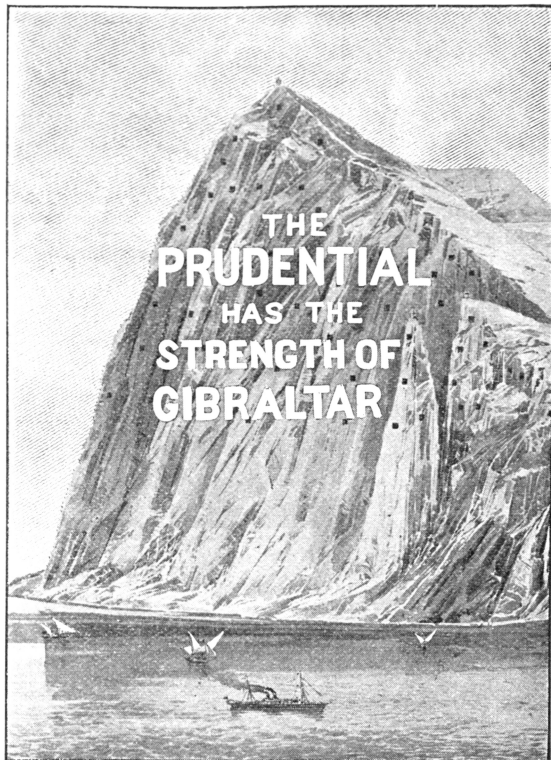


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During the Christmas vacation a novel reunion of former students at German universities was held at the Lawn Club House in New Haven. The idea was suggested by a similar gathering of former Goettingen students held in New York some two months ago. The reunion in New Haven, which was held Dec. 22, was attended by twenty-five representatives of nine German universities, namely Berlin, Munich, Heidelberg, Göttingen, Jena, Leipzig, Tuebingen, Strassburg and Vienna. The guests were all either members or ex-members of the Yale Faculty. All the features of the reunion, the invitations, the programs, the speeches, the decorations, the music, and the refreshments were exclusively German. The key-note of the gathering was the glorification of German science and German "Gemuethlichkeit" (untranslatable), and both objects were most successfully met.

Professor Schwab acted as "Praesidium" (toastmaster); Mr. Farr as "Fuchs-major" (untranslatable unless by "Sergeant-at-arms"); Dr. Reed as herald, and Mr. Wheeler as orchestra. The proceedings were opened with the appropriate song: "Deutschland, Deutschland ueber Alles," which was followed by others and by the opening address (in faultless German) of the toastmaster.

The list of regular toasts included the following: Professor Pierpont responded to "German Science an sich (i. e. per se)," and was rewarded for his efforts by having the honorary Doctor-degree conferred on him. Professor Gruener delivered a studied and scholarly discourse (necessarily in correct German) upon "die Deutsche Urgemuethlichkeit" (untranslatable). Professor Perrin added his tribute to "International Science." Professor Oertel, whose Saxon pronunciation created some misgivings, contributed some personal recollections, illustrated, of trips abroad with certain distinguished lights present. Professor Pirsson responded to the toast "German Science in the Rocky Mountains"; and Dr. Boltwood gave the results of his chemical investigations in that rare and evasive element "Deutsche Gemuethlichkeit" (not yet named in English).

The speeches were interspersed with songs appropriate to the universities represented and the sentiments evoked. The critical spirit of the audience was also aroused by reading and correcting the German replies to the invitations received by the committee. It should be said that but a small number of "conditions" were imposed, and that the marks ranged as a rule from 3.75 to 4.50. Professor Palmer also con-

tributed an original German poem.

The gentlemen present were: W. A. Adams, '86; C. K. Bancroft, '91; B. B. Boltwood, '92 S.; P. E. Browning, '89; F. L. Chase, Ph.D., '91; W. J. Comstock, '79 S.; R. N. Corwin, '87; J. S. Dutcher, '86; H. A. Farr, '96; T. D. Goodell, '77; G. Gruener, '84; R. T. Holbrook, '93; E. P. Morris, '74; H. Oertel, Ph.D., '90; Prof. A. H. Palmer; B. Perrin, '69; Prof. J. Pierpont; L. V. Pirsson, '82 S.; E. V. Reynolds, '80 S.; E. B. Reed, '94; J. J. Robinson, Ph.D.; J. C. Schwab, '86; W. M. Strong, '94; L. P. Wheeler, '94 S.

### YALE MISSION FUND.

A Generous Response—Only \$800 More Needed.

The appeal published in the WEEKLY of December 1st, for the Yale City Mission building, has met with a prompt and generous response from the alumni and friends of Yale. At the present date less than \$800 is needed to free the building entirely from debt. On Dec. 30, 1897, the Graduate Committee authorized the breaking of ground for the new building when two-thirds of the amount necessary for its construction had been pledged. Subsequently it was found that the estimates for building and land called for \$8,000, and on June 14, 1898, the Committee was authorized to begin work when \$5,000 in subscriptions had been secured. The first subscription was made on May 23d, and the requisite \$5,000 had been pledged on July 11th. Soon after the land was purchased and contracts awarded, and on Sept. 1, ground was broken.

Although the entire building was not completed until Dec. 17th, the first meeting in the auditorium was held on Nov. 27th. If the small amount still to be raised to free the building from debt is secured by Jan. 23d, the Mission will have been erected and paid for in exactly eight months. The building will be formally dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 8 P. M.

The following is the present status of the finances:

Total cost of building	\$8,032.93
Subscriptions:	
Undergraduates	\$3,869.50
Friends	1,288.00
Graduates	2,095.00
	\$7,252.50
To be raised	\$780.43

The fact that only sixteen classes since 1840 have failed to respond to the appeal, and only six since 1860, shows conclusively how general the interest has been.

### The Yale Corporation.

[From the Hartford Courant.]

It is announced that the Hon. Frederick J. Kingsbury of Waterbury will not consent to be a candidate for reelection as a member of the Yale Corporation. Let us hope that there is some mistake about this statement. Mr. Kingsbury is recognized on all sides as one of the ablest men in the board and one of the wisest advisers of the management. He cannot be spared at this time and his personal preferences should not be let prevail unless there is some reason more valid than his feeling that it is somebody's else turn. Mr. Kingsbury is a man of broad views, of large experience and of excellent judgment. He is wanted on the board and should stay there. It is to be borne in mind, however, by those who discuss the Yale question so vigorously these days, that the selection of the new president is expected to be made by the present Corporation. Mr. Kingsbury will partake in that action and Mr. Mason's successor will not. The election to fill that vacancy will not come until Summer. There seems to have been no arrangement made for filling vacancies except at Commencement.

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