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ELECTING YALE PRESIDENTS.

In one department of Yale news we confess to considerable negligence. The WEEKLY has failed to record the different elections of successors to the presidency which have already been made. We recall, now, three men who have been definitely selected for the place, and two others in whose direction movements have been made by the officials. This collection of three presidents-elect, and two nearly ready for selection, is an imposing fact in current Yale history.

We have talked with members of the Corporation and members of the Faculty, and they have all failed to rise to an appreciation of the situation. Members of the Corporation, especially, are not informed. They don't know how to talk about it intelligently. We are going to keep a record, hereafter, of those who are elected, or to whom definite offers are made. A complete list ought to be interesting to the Corporation, when they actually begin to work upon the problem which is before them. There is no question of the authenticity of these elections; they have been in newspapers published all over the country.

OF NOT MUCH ACCOUNT.

The opening of the new Yale Mission building (already paid for in cash within 6 per cent. of its cost) is not an event which will keep head-line builders busy from Maine to Luzon. It stands for an outlay of hard work for years by hundreds of strong young men. By cash contributions, many hundreds more are interested—most of them young men, now in College or just out of it. It is a voluntary, aggressive effort on the part of those who study and live the College life at New Haven to make a part of the city which is a long way off from the Campus a better place, and to help pull up other fellows, young and old, of whom they never heard, who did not start life as well as they did, and who have improved one or two of their profuse opportunities for going the wrong way. The work is planned quite as carefully as Yale's best efforts in football, is much better organized than any branch of Yale athletics, and has proved its worth by definite results, both as to the community

and as to individuals. The Mission's work and its allied interests represent, on the part of the students of Yale, an average of effort to help others which is no higher than it should be—probably not nearly as high as the ideal requires—but which is far beyond the average of effort in that direction by most young men of equal age. It strengthens the best impulses of youth, set in ideal environments, more than almost any other activity or influence in all the wide range of the varied education of a great University.

But what of that? There isn't much "news" in it. It doesn't compare as "a story" with the vagaries of a bunch of Sophomores running wild after a little ale and giving the long cheer at a five hundred dollar fire. That's "defiance of the whole fire department," a "riot in the City of the Elms," a civic cataclysm of vast contemporary importance. And this mission business isn't much fun talking about, when one is righteously soured,—as are many sometimes and some always. It is far more to the appetite to pick out some thunderingly good football player, who has helped a college to expand too fast in intercollegiate athletics, get common consent in your select society to call him a brute, trace every broken bone to his malignity and hit him hard whenever his name appears in print. You can make him—as you *know* him to be—the type of his alma mater, and so serve your bitters, as a tonic in the name of Christian culture, to the sick-lid humanities of a once glorious College. Yale Missions and Christian associations, indeed! What are they? Cloaks for hypocrisy. Do they "mirror" Yale life? Are men who make reform a business to be fooled in this feeble way? They know where the mirrors are, whose surfaces image the realities of Yale University in the blazing light of truth. They are back of the bar at Heublein's.

But common mortals cannot ever keep these strenuous ways of scientific discriminations. We must sometimes take it easy, and fill our columns with simple stories about simple-hearted men, who just work all the year round to help things along and to get muscle to do more work afterwards.

YALE VERSE.

Yale verse is quite worth the compiling, that is, it is worth it, if the compiling is in the hands of the right man. The little volume just put out under the name of "Yale Verse," with Charles Edmund Merrill, Jr., Yale '98, for its editor, and Chauncey Wetmore Wells, Yale '96, for the editor's consulting counsel, meets the requirements of a profitable compilation. Those who have followed Yale literary work in the last few years, know from the preceding sentence that the selections must be well made. Those who have followed Yale literary work for the last ten years, know that there was good fruit to gather. It has been picked principally from the products since Mr. Pond, Yale '89, made his compilation.

We think the market for this little book will be a good one and shall be interested in watching to see how well our prediction is fulfilled. It is interesting to see just for whom such a volume has attraction. It ought to have it for the undergraduate. If it doesn't, it seems to show that either the undergraduate or the undergraduate verse is out of order. We are not inclined to make this charge against either of these two factors. Just how far will there be interest outside of the Campus? We used to think that college verse could

not command much attention by any but those who led the life of academic idealism. We are not so sure about that, after glancing through this volume. There is some significance in the quality and the subject matter of such verses. We do not know enough to say just what it is. There is significance enough from the Yale standpoint, showing that there is distinctly more of literature coming from the college presses than there was—well, some time ago. We do not want to make trouble, but that seems to us a fact. Poets have been thick in the last few years. They have been pretty good poets.

The book is tastefully prepared, and its publication just now is opportune. Together with the book of Crosby drawings, which we have not yet had the pleasure of seeing but whose character we quite well remember, it offers for Prom week visitors a good deal more of Yale and a good deal less of advertising than is usually the case.

IAN MACLAREN AT YALE.

He will Preach in Battell Chapel on Sunday, February 19.

Rev. Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) will preach in Battell Chapel at the regular morning service on Sunday, February 19.

This will make the second time that Yale men have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Watson in their own Chapel, his first appearance before them being in the Fall of 1896, when he spoke at both the morning and evening services. It is a pleasant surprise that Dr. Watson has consented to preach at Yale, as owing to an extended trip planned which will take much of his time in the West, it was feared he could not give Yale even a short visit.

Dr. Watson is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh in 1870. Yale gave him the degree of D.D. in 1897.

Athens Fellowships.

It is announced that the competitive examinations for the fellowships of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will be held this year on March 16, 17, and 18. Candidates are to enter their names on or before Feb. 1, with Professor B. I. Wheeler, (Ithaca, N. Y.), Chairman of Fellowship Committee, from whom all information as to place, subjects, etc., may be obtained. These fellowships yield \$600 each.

The Hoppin Fellowship, open to women only, yields \$1000, and is assigned without examination, preference being given however to such as have already held a regular competitive fellowship.

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YALE HALL DEDICATED.

President Dwight and One Hundred Students Present.

Yale Hall, the new building of the City Missions Committee of the Yale Y. M. C. A. at 153 Franklin street, with the history and purposes of which, the readers of the WEEKLY are already familiar, was formally dedicated last Sunday evening. President Dwight and Professors C. H. Smith, W. L. Phelps, and P. E. Browning of the University Faculty, Mr. S. H. Fisher, '89, and Mr. J. B. Reynolds, '84, of the Graduate Committee, Messrs Lotze, Irvine and Fenno, representing other organizations for Christian work in the city, and nearly one hundred students formed part of the audience. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the service was the appreciative and attentive attitude of the one hundred and seventy-five laboring men who crowded the hall and joined heartily in the songs. The service lasted for an hour and a half, but despite its length the room was as quiet and orderly as a church, the only applause which was heard, coming quite spontaneously when the name of A. A. Stagg was mentioned.

On the Saturday evening preceding, an informal reception was given to the men of the neighborhood, about twenty-five students acting as a reception committee, showing the visitors about the building and serving refreshments of coffee and cake. The men were introduced to the reading room and library and every effort was made to present the privileges and opportunities which the new structure offered. As indicating the general spirit of gratification which was expressed, one man was heard to remark with the deepest sincerity as he finished one doughnut and reached out for another, "Your boys are doing a great work, coming down here to Christianize us men."

The service on Sunday evening was opened with three hymns which were sung with a will. Wm. M. Hess, '96, a former chairman of the City Missions Committee, then read the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the Lord's Temple from I Chronicles, which was followed by prayer by Chas. H. Welles, Jr., '99, President of the Y. M. C. A. After a solo by George A. Dewey, 1902, James B. Reynolds, '84, Secretary of the University Settlement of New York City, was introduced. He spoke for the graduates interested in the Mission, and gave some of his experiences in New York. The gist of his remarks was that every student who came to the Mission should come with the idea of receiving help as well as giving it, and that the men in turn should be ready to give as well as receive.

After a hymn, a quartette from the Yale Glee Club sang, and then Fred. M. Gilbert, '98, who engaged in the work at the East Street Mission, and is well known to many of the men, spoke briefly. He made a pointed gospel address showing the necessity of accepting Christ for salvation and at the close invited Mr. Yorkston, as representing the men of the neighborhood, to relate his own conversion.

George W. Simmons, 1900, of the Glee Club then sang a solo, which was followed by an address by Mr. Alexander F. Irvine, the Assistant Secretary of the New Haven Y. M. C. A. He spoke of the lack of appreciation of working men of their advantages, and also of the need of friendship; saying that the College men had come down to the Mission to fill that need and be friends, who could and would help them to a better life. After a hymn and a few remarks by Mr. A. D. Leavitt, 1900, the leader of the meeting, President Dwight, gave the closing prayer and benediction.

After the service, the majority of the audience remained for nearly an hour talking with the students and graduates, with whom many of the men had been associated in former years on East street and Grand avenue.

About \$250 more has come in, so that \$500 will now clear up the indebtedness.

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