

THE CHICAGO DINNER.

Mr. Mason's Memory Honored—
President Cowles's Report—
The Future.

The Yale of the future, the Yale spirit, and loyalty to Yale were the themes which inspired to the "full heart" the members of the Yale Alumni Association of Chicago, at the annual banquet held at the University Club last Saturday night. Toasts were also listened to on "Harvard" and "Princeton," and the speakers from Harvard and Princeton who responded to these toasts were particular in courteously defining the "University spirit" as the "Yale spirit," a spirit valiant, perhaps not particularly modest, but a spirit never arrogant in victory; also a spirit which in defeat cherished admiration for the victorious foe.

Nearly every speaker had something to say in respect of the memory of the late Edward G. Mason, who typified the Yale spirit, loyalty to Yale, and the principles on which the Yale of the future must rely for the perpetuation of its general usefulness and good. At the suggestion of President Cowles a silent toast was drunk to the memory of Edward G. Mason. As a fitting memorial of the practical interest of Mr. Mason in Yale, and all that pertained to Yale, it was voted to provide an annual scholarship fund of \$100, which will be used to send students from Illinois to Yale. The proposition that the Chicago Yale Alumni Association should do as much as the Yale Association of Colorado, California and other States, and as much as the Harvard Alumni Association of Chicago does, in the way of sending worthy students where they may partake of alma mater's privileges, provoked intense enthusiasm.

The presidency of Yale was also the subject of very serious discussion, and when the Rev. J. G. K. McClure, '70, said that the new president must be a scholar, financier, administrator, general, gentleman, peace-maker and warrior all in one, such an ideal one was the unanimous choice of those present, though no suggestion was made as to which one of the numerous candidates for the presidency will be able to combine all these traits essential to the successful leadership of Yale.

President Alfred Cowles, '86, was the first speaker. Mr. Cowles had feeling allusions to make with reference to the late Edward G. Mason. He also discussed the Yale crew, which he compared to an angry cat which had had its fur rubbed the wrong way. Mr. Cowles said:

MR. COWLES'S TRIBUTE TO MR. MASON.

"Fellow members of the Yale Association: No word of mine is needed to remind you of our recent loss. Whether the word be spoken or not, makes little difference. Every one of us holds as a treasure the memory of him who stood among us preëminently typical of the gentle manhood, scholarly poise, and loving friendship which we delight to think are best blended beneath the elm trees of Yale. We all know how he labored in the spare moments of his busy life to bring us together into an organization where we could enjoy again the spirit of the Campus, and through which we might be of service to Mother Yale. Eulogy among friends is needless. Our friend is gone, leaving a name that is an honor to his children; leaving a loving benediction of fellowship to this Association, which he helped to found, and over which he presided for several years. Whatever providence has in store beyond the grave, it is well with him. We know and feel the immortality of his influence. May his spirit brood over us to teach us the highest powers of kindness, the strength of absolute integrity, the genius of loving and being loved. There is no fitter time or place to speak his name.

A silent toast to Edward Gay Mason. "Presidents have a way of making reports; sometimes they dig them out of cyclopedias, and sometimes, as in the latest case, they clip them out of the papers. In each and every case they are exhaustive—and exhausting. I will

divide my report for the sake of brevity into several heads, which heads you are at liberty to take home with you if you so desire; in the morning you will know you have them: Internal Affairs; External Affairs; Foreign Relations; Domestic Relations; the Theological Department, and the Toast-master.

"In the matter of Internal Affairs Yale's digestion seems to be good. The Freshman class weighs 49,782 lbs. in the aggregate and necessarily shows quite an amount of good material. There is a suspicion that the Crew is like an angry cat, some believing that it has been stroked the wrong way.

"Concerning External Affairs. It is of interest to note that Chapel street has been found to have been gradually curving to the south, in an effort to squirm away from the architecture of Osborn Hall.

"FOREIGN RELATIONS."

"In the department of Foreign Relations it is a pleasure to report that although our waters within the four-mile limits, were invaded by a barbarous tribe from the interior, the invaders were boldly followed by our fearless little navy, and the pursuit kept up until the enemy were driven over the line. Our football field was also threatened, but as we still hold the ground as though hammered into it to stay, we naturally claim the victory. Our debaters have proven that they have longer and more prehensile jaws than those possessed by any other aggregation. Our domestic relations are numerous. The Theological Department has secured a new Library and is searching for a Librarian."

ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR DR. GALLAUDET.

"As to the Crew, a great change has been made in the management for the coming Spring. Mr. Cook, who had charge of the coaching for so long, giving all his time for the past two years, early in the Fall notified Capt. Allen that it would be impossible for him to give any attention to the Crew this year. Dr. Gallaudet, the stroke oar of the '92 and '93 Crews, was then asked by Capt. Allen to take the position of head coach. This arrangement was finally consummated with the hearty approval and promises of energetic cooperation on the part of all who have been in touch with the rowing situation.

"Notwithstanding the loss to the Crew of Mr. Cook's valuable experience, much can be expected of Dr. Gallaudet, who certainly knows how to handle an oar and manage men. There is no question but that Dr. Gallaudet will have the enthusiastic support and help of the other graduate coaches. All seem pretty well agreed as to what elements went to make the winning qualities of the stroke of former years. If Yale can catch the best Yale style, Yale muscle and Yale 'sand' will do the rest.

THE GUIDANCE OF PRES. DWIGHT.

"President Dwight, full of years, honors, and with a record of great achievements, is going to resign. Those of us who are far away hardly appreciate the great executive ability required to administer the affairs of such a University as Yale, even if we do vaguely realize the steady devotion to Yale that has marked his whole life. While holding to the great traditions of the old college ideals, he has built up around it the walls of the University. Under his guidance, old Yale is the same old Yale, a school of character, and new Yale has opened wide her gates for the deep and original work of the University.

"Now let me introduce to you the toastmaster; a man who in college made a reputation for possessing Yale 'sand' beyond his compeers. He caught in the great Freshman fence game against Harvard, and when the last finger went away, he triumphantly caught the game out with his teeth. 'Ben' Lamb could not have done better. It was his custom to clamber in and out, about, athwart and across the old brick row, with the fearlessness of a fly walking upon the ceiling. The water-spout had no terrors for him, and he will not fear the word 'spout.' He is game—is Salmi. Fix that joke to suit yourselves, I have tried to arrange it and can't. Mr. Clarence Morse has the floor."

Mr. Morse introduced the Rev. J. G. K. McClure, '70, President of Lake Forest University, as the next speaker. He said in part:

THE YALE OF THE FUTURE.

"My words are a wish rather than a prophecy. It would be folly for any man, however much he may have pondered the subject, to attempt to say what 'The Yale of the Future' will be. The founders of Yale never imagined that her work would be so vast and so powerful as it has become.

"What Yale has been and is now, is more than her annual catalogues bunched together from the beginning until to-day, show. These catalogues tell us how many professors and students and buildings Yale has in any given year and what the courses of instruction are. The mere study of those catalogues is suggestive. They grow in size, in comprehension and in conciseness. They open avenues for thought and effort that are most attractive. Not even her Triennial catalogue indicates what Yale has been and is. That 'Triennial' adds to many names, initials that represent useful and honored lives. But if every name in it should have those initials after it, still it would be impossible from that catalogue to understand Yale's place in the making of men, society and the nation.

"A few years ago I visited Jacksonville of this state. It was in early October. I found a city laid out with broad streets, having two rows of trees, elms and maples, on either side, a city at whose center was a college and in whose every part were other educational institutions, a city whose atmosphere was thoughtful, earnest, clean. In my ignorance I asked how these beautiful conditions came about. The answer was: "a band of Yale men came here in 1829 to reproduce the spirit and work of Yale. They brought her trees, her educational ideas, her religious thought, her interest in humanity; and they made Jacksonville what it is in its inner motive and in its outer influence of good."

THE INFLUENCE OF YALE.

"What Yale has done in this concrete case, Yale has done in thousands of concrete cases—in America, China, Japan, India. She inspired an Historical Building in Chicago, and she has inspired colleges, schools, hospitals, churches, chambers of commerce, courts of justice everywhere. She has taken men in their formative condition, has given them training or has widened their horizon, and then has sent them out to be centers of radiating good—in all the walks of life. And to-day the glory of Yale is not the statements that may be read in her catalogue of 1899, but those visible and invisible forces of blessing that are at work hundreds and thousands of miles away from New Haven.

"The Yale of the Future should be considered sympathetically. Education is a foremost force in our civilization. Yale is now, as she always has been, at the front in her study of educational problems. Those problems are great—and in an institution like Yale, where there are such diversities of educational interests, they are very complicated problems. Each department of study calls for attention. It makes known the oversight or suspicion of oversight if by any chance all is not done for it that it needs or thinks it needs. To know what departments are to be advanced most rapidly, to keep all the forces of educational life in happy touch with one another so that the University shall be a unity in its spirit and work, is no small task.

"It is easy to understand how any wise and competent person might well shrink from taking up the presidency of Yale at this particular time. The way will not be smooth for him. He must be scholar, financier, administrator, general, gentleman, peace-maker, and warrior all in one. The Corporation has no slight task before it in finding the right man for the presidency. That Corporation should have the kindly remembrance of every Yale alumnus. We have had a magnificent line of presiding officers. The period covered by my own touch with Yale has seen splendid men at the head, Woolsey, Porter, Dwight. Each man has done superb work, and President Dwight closes his administration with our acclamations. The man who now comes to the head will find indeed the

record of the past pointing in a general direction for Yale's future, but he will also find that some strong man's personality must determine new features of the future, and those features may have much to do with shaping the Yale of the future. Whoever is called to the Presidency of Yale should have the kindly, generous interest of us all,

"We cannot all have our pet theories of education carried out to their fullness. The classical, the literary, the biological specialists are right in their eagerness, each to make his own work strong and aggressive. Some of us see, as we think, one way of advancing Yale, and some others of us feel that that way would be destructive of our alma mater's best life and therefore we advocate a different way of developing the University.

"Let all Yale men realize that we have an institution that has nourished us and blessed us, an institution that we hope and expect will do even better work in days ahead than in days behind, an institution that may well command our interest, our affection and our prayers. Yale is imbedded in the love of her children. Those children send their sons by the hundreds back to her walls. They wish those that are dearest to them to know their alma mater as they know her and to share with themselves in all her protection and help. May the Yale of the Future be even a better, nobler, more beneficent Yale than the Yale of the Past, and to that end may the blessing of the God of the fathers ever guide her purpose and inspire her deed!"

JOHN GREENWAY'S ABILITY.

W. C. Boyden, Harvard '86, said he could not understand how Yale could show such great moderation in victory and defeat with 60 saloons in a single New Haven block adjacent to the Campus. He was glad that Harvard had solved a serious political problem by discovering a new ratio, not 16 to 1, but 17 to 0, Yale holding the nothing end of the ratio. All University men, he said, would reverence the memory of Edward G. Mason, who had contributed so generously to the common University spirit. Regarding President Dwight, he had shown himself a true sportsman. He had resigned before the game with Harvard; in order that he might bet on Harvard. Mr. Boyden also spoke of Roosevelt of Harvard, and Greenway of Yale, how the former had said that if he should be suddenly taken away from command of the Rough Riders, that John Greenway was brave enough and wise enough to command the Rough Riders.

T. D. Jones, Princeton, said that his University had never had the slightest occasion to feel rancor over defeat by Yale.

Other speakers were J. L. Houghteling, '76 S.; C. L. Bartlett, '76; Dr. Stuart Webster, '92, and R. T. Crane, '95 S.

The attendance of Yale men at the dinner was fair. The banquet room was decorated in blue and white. Seated at the speakers' table at the dinner were: Alfred Cowles, '86, President of the Association; the Rev. James G. K. McClure, '70, President of Lake Forest University; Thomas D. Jones, Princeton '76; William C. Boyden, Harvard '86; James Nevins Hyde, '61; Joseph H. Andrews, '59; Sherman M. Booth, '41; David B. Lyman, '64.

H. D. BAKER.

Basketball with Cornell.

A basketball game between the University basketball team and the New Britain Athletic Club team was played on Saturday evening last at New Britain. The game resulted in a close victory for the Yale team, the final score being 13 to 11. Two twenty-minute halves were played. The teams lined up as follows: Yale—Right forward, G. M. Clark, 1901; left forward, L. L. Beard, '99; center, A. H. Sharpe, M.S.; right guard, J. K. Clark, '99; left guard, C. D. Lockwood, 1900 S. New Britain—Right forward, Loomis; left forward, Gladden; center, O'Donnell; right guard Clark and Kron; left guard, Sperrill.

The date of the Yale-Cornell basketball game has been definitely arranged for February 25. A game will be played with the 115th Separate Company of Poughkeepsie on February 24. Both these games will be played at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.