

ALUMNI IDEALS.

Here are Many, from Thoughtful Men and Men in Earnest.

If anyone thinks the Yale alumni are not possessed of positive ideas of values about the qualities of a Yale President, he has not heard from many of them. What is offered to-day comes from men of most diverse activities, in widely separated localities, of mainly all times of life, of contrasted temperaments. They are all men of true success in their own lives, of unquestioned loyalty, and, more important than all, they are, as far as it is known to us, men of faith in Yale, and men who have such estimate of her power and usefulness as to be unmoved by the "practical," who think it waste of time to talk about ideal men. They consider that at best in Yale University ideals can and must be held to, and they hold this not the least of the head of the University.

A BUSINESS MAN'S VIEW.

Here is a letter from a man who is busy and successful and in active life and always in the harness for Yale:

"The two questions which you have asked are comparatively easy to answer, but to find this ideal man is quite another question.

"First of all, the President of Yale should be a broad-minded man of great executive ability and yet a thoroughly equipped scholar. It will not do to have as President of the College merely a successful business man who would be of great value to the financial end of the Corporation. Although a man of this kind is essential, yet he must combine with that knowledge of the educational needs of a great university. This is of vital importance.

"Education in its present form is making wonderful strides. The optional system is not only something that has come to stay, but must be developed in the most thorough way. The University as a whole should be welded into a more compact body, where every department is run under one recognized head for the common good. The development of two departments on the same subject in different branches of the University seems useless.

"Of course, it is unnecessary for me to go into details in regard to this, but everyone who has the interests of the College at heart knows what I mean. The third and last quality which the ideal President must possess is strength and enthusiasm; they go hand in hand. The President of Yale must be strong in body as well as in mind. A man of the greatest intellectual strength without health would be of little use. Of course enthusiasm goes with strength and is necessary for the success of everything."

MUST BE AN EDUCATOR AND CLERGYMAN.

A man of mature years, whose life study and life work make his judgments on this question of particular value, writes thus:

"First, the ideal President should be an educator. I mean by this that in addition to the mastery of some specialty in scholarship, he should be expert in matters connected with education, both as a science and as an art; and particularly should he be competent to command confidence in his leadership in those important questions connected with university administration.

"He should also be a clergyman, because the training and experience of clergymen best fit them for those delicate duties in the training of character and the education of conscience which form in my opinion the supreme work of education. Furthermore, he should be accustomed to address the students on matters connected with their personal lives in the way in which one can so easily do who properly conducts morning prayers, so long as they are continued; and he should also be able, whenever occasion requires, to fill the College pulpit. I understand that the present Committee on College Supplies refuses to admit laymen into that pulpit to address the students of the University; and that for this reason men like Mr. Robert E. Speer cannot be heard there. For this reason I repeat that it is important that the President

of the University should be a clergyman. Then again, the ideal personal life of the clergyman is naturally more closely identified with the exercise of those spiritual influences which must after all determine the tone of college life.

"It is important also that the President of the University should be a man of such excellent judgment in general that men of means should feel assured that gifts to the University will be most wisely applied.

"I consider the question of age to be purely secondary. If a man such as I have suggested can be found who is under fifty years of age, well and good; but if he is fifty-five that is no reason why he should be passed by. He would still be available for fifteen years of most effective service. I have seen it suggested often that the next President should be a business man. I was pleased, therefore, to see in an article on this subject from my classmate, Professor Beers, his positive opinion that the President should be a clergyman, and his equally positive opinion that he should be selected to be at the head, not of the commercial or financial side of the University, but the head of its educational work. A university is an institution of learning, and its President should be such a man as an institution of learning requires.

"So far as possible these qualities should be insisted upon. But in the absence of such a candidate then let the next incumbent of the presidency be a man who will at least hold the College to its present rank, if he is not able to carry it forward. In my opinion the President should not be chosen from the Faculty. He should be the servant of the Corporation. He should not be the creature of those over whom he is supposed to preside. Nevertheless, he should be a man who would be acceptable to the faculties of the University; a man who should have their confidence as a leader in all questions of university administration. I doubt whether he could wisely be chosen outside of the body of Yale graduates."

A CALL FOR LEADERSHIP.

An officer of a financial institution puts it this way:

"My ideal man for the position of President is one who has a broad education, in those studies which fit a man to be a leader on the political and economic questions of the day."

"The second requirement—and I hardly know whether this should go first or second—is that he shall be a man of broad sympathy, who by his experience, judgment and straightforward manliness, will be able to call to his support the conservative as well as the so-called younger and progressive element among the alumni of the University."

"And third, if these could be combined in a young man who has been educated in the Yale spirit of democracy, I would say that we would have a model President for Yale University."

TEN ESSENTIALS.

One of the most thoughtful and active of the younger alumni names these qualities:

1. He must be a Yale graduate.
2. Must have strong Christian convictions.
3. Man of wide knowledge of men and of tact in dealing with them.
4. A gentleman of scholarly tastes and broad culture.
5. Broad educational views.
6. Executive ability and energy.
7. A thorough believer in American Democracy.
8. A man of warm heart and pleasing personality.
9. An interesting speaker.
10. A judicious man.

"I would gladly dilate on these points at length, but think it unnecessary. I believe that no man can be a thoroughly successful President of Yale who does not possess them all—and that any man possessing them all would be acceptable in the Presidency.

"I wish you would underline number 7 three times, and print it in bold type. No "calamity prophet," no one who

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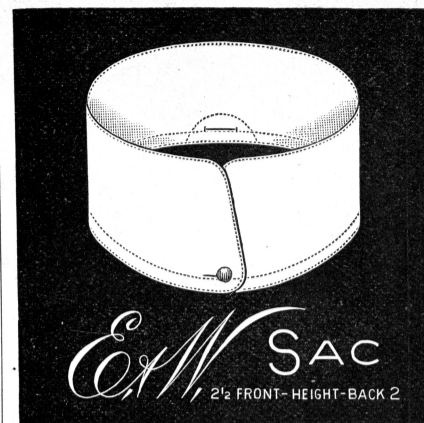
The forty-eighth annual statement of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company is published elsewhere this morning and gives gratifying evidence of the wise management and healthy progress of this large Hartford concern. The gross assets exceed \$11,660,000, having increased over \$600,000 during the past year. The surplus is now over \$660,000, and the amount of insurance in force is \$51,170,782, represented by 31,592 policies.

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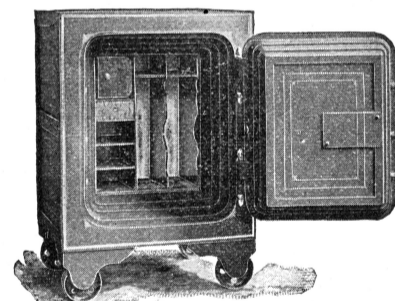
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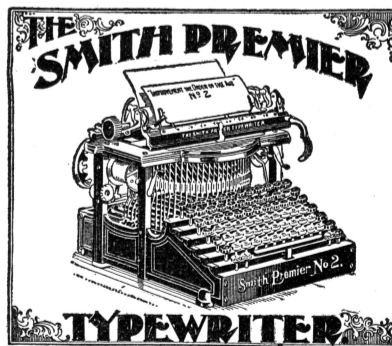
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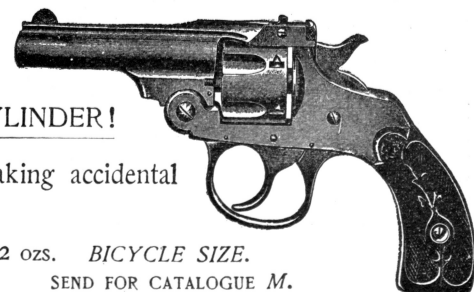
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