

**ALUMNI IDEALS.**

**More Suggestions about the Presidency from Graduates.**

**A YOUNG MAN'S VIEW.**

A recent Yale alumnus, a forceful leader in a strong class, now a driving man of business and a successful one, writes:

- "My ideal Yale President must have the following qualities:
- "1st. Scholarly attainments.
- "2d. Broad-mindedness.
- "3d. Progressiveness and business ability.
- "4th. Gentlemanly bearing.
- "5th. Good address.
- "6th. Absence of fame as a leader on any religious or political question.
- "7th. Appreciation of a young man's feelings and of good college sentiment and good old traditions.
- "8th. A Yale diploma.
- "9th. Good health, enthusiasm, common-sense and energy.
- "10th. Must be deeply religious, but not necessarily a theologian."

**A LAWYER OR MINISTER, AGE FIFTY.**

A Pittsburg lawyer puts it this way: "A Yale man of about fifty years, who has spent his life in the Law or Ministry—preferably the Law—but who has maintained an interest in and kept in touch with the world of letters, would come pretty near filling the bill. His being a Yale man would insure his knowing Yale, her traditions and customs, and so enable him to appreciate and understand her needs better. He would be progressive with a true *Yale progressiveness*, which may differ from the way the word is understood in some of our far Western towns.

"The age I put is one that insures full maturity of powers and yet many years of useful activity. It will mean that the new President will have plenty of time and opportunity for the careful, gradual development of his policy. In an institution like Yale, frequent changes in the Presidency are unsettling and undesirable. Training in the law would give knowledge of men and affairs, a grasp on such questions as he would be called on to decide and above all, a trained mind.

"The man I speak of has not devoted himself exclusively to the Law, but has kept up his classics, has found time for some study of History and Art. In a word, he is a broad man and one on whose shoulders the mantle of the Presidency would sit easily. His career as a lawyer has fitted him to be the executive head of the University, grapple with questions of Finance, and at the same time has given him the requisite experience in public speaking to enable him to represent Yale on public occasions."

**A LOUISVILLE VIEW.**

A Louisville graduate of about fifteen years standing describes his ideal as follows:

"The President of Yale should be not only a man of deep scholarship, but of business abilities and of broad sympathies. Yale University has grown so large that it seems to me that the person occupying the Presidency of the institution should possess great administrative abilities as well as reputation as a scholar. The position he occupies is such a conspicuous one, that it must necessarily be filled by a man of decided scholarship, but it seems to me he should have that administrative talent that is required not only to conduct the affairs of a great institution, but to continue its growth.

"In addition, he should be a well-rounded man free from provincialisms and narrowness of every description. I don't know what qualities are absolutely essential to one occupying that position, but it seems to me that those above enumerated should be possessed by the occupant of that position. I am impressed with the fact that administrative abilities and broad sympathies are as absolutely essential to the occupant of the position as is great scholarship."

**THREE DIMENSIONS.**

The following is from a New York lawyer, who was graduated about thirty years ago:

"Our ideal President should be constituted in three dimensions.

"He must be a man of affairs with

administrative and executive ability of the highest order. This first dimension I regard as of first and last importance, even vital to the qualifications of any Yale President.

"The second dimension includes scholarship and those literary qualities which our traditions have handed down, together with knowledge of the new science of instruction developed in recent years.

"The third dimension regards the capacity of our candidate to represent the University and secure its fair consideration in the world, upon whose favor rests its future support and maintenance.

"So much for the office. As for the man himself, it goes without saying that he should lack none of the moral qualities which make up the ideal man, refined and sweetened by the virtues extolled by St. Paul,—the greatest of which is Charity."

**A WESTERN PROFESSOR'S ANSWER.**

One of the professors of a Western College, a Yale graduate, answers the questions thus:

"A man, layman preferred, because in the case of a clergyman an absence of desirable qualifications may be overlooked simply because the man is a clergyman,—who is not necessarily or primarily a money-getter—rather one who appreciates fully what a University may do for a country, and wishes to administer it, that, in conjunction with other universities, it may accomplish that,—and not live for its own glory. He should be one, who, though not a conservative in the University, yet will make the University conservative (by conservatism I mean not holding on to the bad things of the present—but of that which is good) in the country at large. One who will see to it that the University stands even more, in several of its departments, for the advancement of learning.

"Primarily a keen intellect and remarkable abilities as executive and student of human nature, as well as grasp of the general condition of thought morally and politically; sufficient learning to grasp the general scope of university work; avoidance of sham, straightforwardness,—no tendency to run college on up-to-date daily newspaper plan; no desire to make a fashionable college, but a place for hard, steady work, scholastic and literary. Social, athletic and other student activities will take care of themselves."

**FROM WILKES BARRE.**

A report from Wilkes Barre alumni reads thus:

"We looked into Yale in the future under a new President sufficiently for me to say that we want a man not beyond middle age, a graduate of old Yale, if possible, whose training and accomplishments give promise of the best business administration, in its broadest sense.

"We realize that Yale University is not the Yale of our day and that the new President need not be called upon to give instruction on the human intellect, nor be reminiscent of early training in Congregational pulpits of Connecticut towns. We believe that the next President of Yale, whether he be clerical or lay, should be selected with the view of the best managing, binding together and pushing forward the many interests of the big corporation that the University has become, and that a business ability akin to Dr. Depew's should be the first consideration."

**A NEWSPAPER VIEW.**

An editor puts it this way: "A man who values scholarship, respects tradition and yet knows men and the motives of men; a man of administrative parts. He should not be simply a good business man. Such a man is more likely to be developed by the

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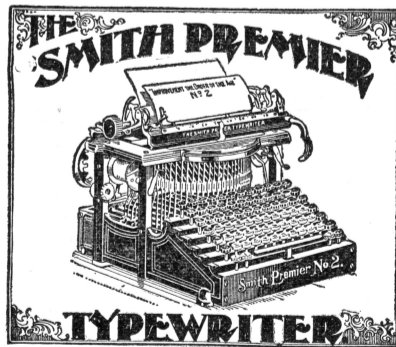
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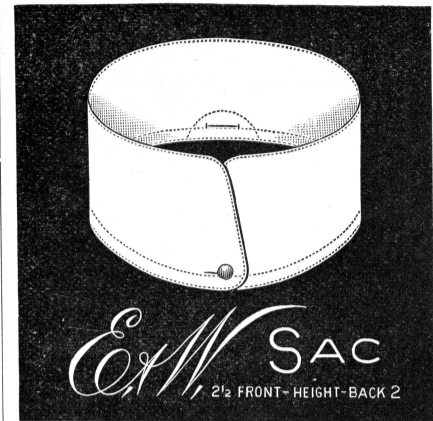
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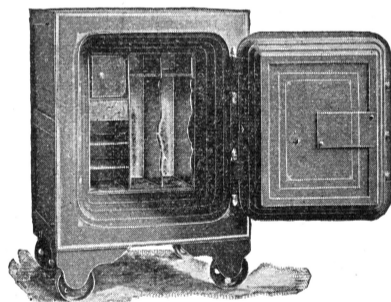


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