

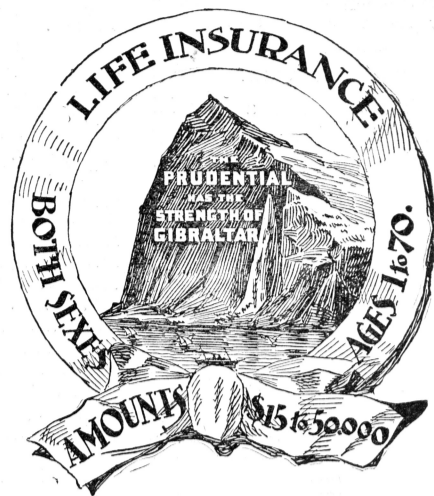
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ALUMNI IDEALS.

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office than found ready-made, being originally selected for his general talents. All things being equal, he should not be a Congregational parson because the influence of the clerical is thought to be, justly or unjustly, so great as to weaken the enthusiasm of the lay alumni. This fear or suspicion should be overcome, and can be only in one way, however illiberal it may seem to those affected.

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A PITTSBURG OPINION.

A Pittsburg man writes of the alumni views there as follows:

"The opinion seems to be unanimous that he should be a Yale graduate.

"That he should not hold office till too old.

"That it is not necessary to have a minister.

"That he be executive superior.

"That he should not be over fifty or under forty.

"That he should be nationally known."

Divinity Commencement.

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of the Yale Divinity School, this year, begin with the annual address on the evening of May 14, the Sunday preceding Commencement. This address will be delivered in Center Church by President Stryker of Hamilton College. His subject is not yet announced. On Wednesday, May 17th, five members of the Senior Class will deliver addresses in Battell Chapel. These men have been selected by the Faculty on account of their high scholarship and general acquirements and are as follows: Ernest Ellsworth Day, B.A., University of Minnesota 1895, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Edward Russell Evans, B.A., Amherst College 1894, of Chelsea, Mass.; Herbert Atkinson Jump, B.A., Amherst College 1896, of Albany, N. Y.; Eugene William Lyman, B.A., Amherst College 1894, of Cummington, Mass.; Lewis Thurston Reed, B.A., Amherst College 1893, of Worcester, Mass. The subjects of their addresses will probably be announced this week. On the afternoon of Commencement Day, the anniversary

dinner will be held. About one hundred alumni of the School are expected to be present besides the Class of 1899 entire. Rev. Dr. A. J. Lyman of Brooklyn, President of the Alumni Association, will preside. The graduating class numbers twenty-three, none of whom have previously taken a degree at Yale.

S. R. Betts' Gift to the Library.

Samuel R. Betts, Yale 1875, of New York City, has given to the library of the Law School one hundred and eighty-five volumes of reports and treatises, most of which formerly belonged to the library of the Hon. Samuel R. Betts, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and the Hon. Frederick H. Betts, the grandfather and father of the donor respectively. Among the books are a collection of English reports, several of them old folio editions, and a collection of treatises on Admiralty and Maritime Law. Mr. Betts has also given a sufficient sum of money to pay the expense of necessary rebinding.

Stanford Draws from Afar.

The average student at Stanford University, according to Dr. Jordan, travels 1,000 miles to reach it. President Harper of Chicago, when informed of this, called it an extraordinary exception to the general rules, and said (as reported): "Usually at least 70 per cent. of the students of an institution go from within 100 miles of their colleges. This latter condition is true of Harvard and Yale to-day, and when, on the contrary, you come so far for your education, it shows a marvelous state of affairs, and is the principle which justifies the establishment of many institutions."

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