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YALE COLLEGE.

With the time drawing near when the Corporation is expected to make its all important choice, the friends of Yale are more and more seriously considering what the future has in store for the place. There has been much general talk, and some definite and clean cut prediction and analysis. Of the latter, we are obliged to say that nothing has laid the thing open quite as clearly, in our humble opinion, as the letters from A. P., published in the WEEKLY in the last few months.

The last letter of that group was quite radical and indicated, it seemed to us, a spirit towards the traditions and interests of Yale College which is not safe. The impression was given that the life and spirit of Yale College were a good deal like the life and spirit of any other college; that they do not depend entirely, or even largely, on any particular environment or on any peculiar ordering of the course; that if the old forms of college activity, around which this life has centered in the past, are changed in the development, then new forms, better than the old, will take their place, and round these forms will gather the new college life, which will be just as strong, and brighter and fairer and even sweeter than the old college life.

That is risky. We will trust Yale a long ways; but if you have anything good in this world you must stand guard over it. Ex-President Harrison says in his book on "This Country of Ours," that neither any collection of statesmen nor the Lord himself could set up a government which you could go away and leave. The idea has been altogether commonly accepted around here that something in the way of a social order has been set up here, called Yale, or as A. P. might say, called a college, which is unchangeable and invulnerable and which will flourish and dispense its blessings, though hedged about with all kinds of restrictions and though the most alien forms of social life are grafted onto it. This is an impossible idea about anything human, and Yale is very, very human.

We must watch Yale and all the good things there are in it and hold fast that which is good. We don't believe in surrendering the Yale idea in education or any particular element in education

which Yale has developed, on whatever side of the subject, for any other idea of education. The curriculum is very far from perfect; the University needs all kinds of development and unifying. But nothing has yet been pointed out which would offset the loss of that education which is found in Yale College, academic and social. It is not only wrong to talk about the possible necessity of dispensing with Yale College,—it is useless to do so. Isn't there opportunity enough for the development of specialization in the Graduate School, not only as it is, but as it will be, and in all the other departments? Yale is already flirting with the purely material ideas of education, which count it of dreadful importance that a man should begin to draw his \$5 a week in a lawyer's office or a banking house, one year earlier than the Yale education allows him to. The idea seems to be slipping away from a great many people that this place stands for ideals and for such a preparation of a man that he may apply ideals to life. You can't run this kind of education on the same plan that you can run an apprenticeship. May there always be months and years of the Yale education that lead nowhere in particular as far as dollars and cents are concerned, but only help to make a stronger, broader, fairer man.

CHAPEL.

The *Yale News* is doing well in taking up the Chapel question. We reprint two of the letters which it has received in answer to its inquiries for opinions. We also print in this issue a further letter on the subject to the WEEKLY, from one who is on the ground and is an earnest student of these things.

The time is a ripe one for consideration of these problems. The passing from one distinct period to another distinct period in Yale history is near at hand and it is a time for most serious thoughtfulness about everything which we prize here. Let us therefore be very free to whip out the great problems.

This chapel problem is a large one. Many of the most serious men, including many of the most religious men, at Yale, are very uncertain as to what is the right course for the Yale College of the future, while many others of the same class are strongly arrayed on one side or the other of the question. One point seems clear to us. The social consideration must be an incidental one. If it can be shown that, from the standpoint of true religion, the exercises are of no avail or are worse than that, then they ought to go. The social side is of immense importance to Yale, but some substitute, that is not offered in the name of religion, must be found. The question is difficult enough when not involved with this secondary consideration.

CURRENT YALE LITERATURE.

Mr. Colton's Work.

Mr. Arthur Colton, Yale '90, is one of the younger Yale men in literature who is doing work of a very high grade. We do not recall anything from his pen that has not been finished and there is already not a little which not only shows promise, but is itself of value as literature. He has written mostly verse, as we recall it, but there is a sketch in the current *Atlantic Monthly*, which is in the form of prose, though a good deal of it is poetry. "The Elders' Seat" is a beautiful thing, allegorical and containing many things one feels, but can't easily say. As far as description goes, it is a choice bit of painting, of a mill stream and a village road, with two or three good outline portraits of village characters.

Another Volume of Sill's Poems.

The third collection of the poems of Edward Rowland Sill, Yale '61, has just been published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. It is a little volume worth having. It adds to the sum of good to have such poems where one who can appreciate that which is both exquisite and that which is strong, may have access to them. The publishers recall the fact that twelve years ago, the year of Mr. Sill's death, a small collection of his poems was published under the title "Poems by Edward Rowland Sill." "The volume was small and gave a hint only of the activity of Mr. Sill's poetic nature." His productions were scattered during his life-time in many publications and under various signatures. The second collection, published in 1889, was called "The Hermitage, and Later Poems" and contained a tributary lyric by Mr. Aldrich. The publishers say that "the strong personal interest in Mr. Sill thus created has led to an urgent demand for a further collection of his scattered poems." As the publishers point out, the three volumes rather contain a selection than a collection of Mr. Sill's poetical writings.

The present volume is called "Hermione and Other Poems." "Reproof in Love" is one of the best things in the book. The tribute to Lincoln, "The Dead President," is also published here, as well as the poem called "The World Runs Round," which he wrote for the *Overland Magazine*, San Francisco, in 1884. A piece of optimism and a verse of the gospel of the strenuous life given in this poem, is worth reprinting here:

"When will the world believe
Force is for him that is met and fought:
Storm hath no song till the pine re-
sists;
Lightning no flame when it runs as it
lists;
So do the wise Norns weave.
The world runs round
And the world runs well:
It needs no prophet, when evil is found,
Good to foretell."

As representative of many of the others of the volume and one of the best, it is worth while to reprint "A Child and a Star":

"The star, so pure in saintly white,
Deep in the solemn soul of night,
With dreams of deathless beauty wed,
And golden ways that seraphs tread:
The child—so mere a thing of earth,
So meek a flower of mortal birth:
A far-off lucent world, so bright,
Stooping to touch with tender light
That little gown' at evening prayer:
It seems a condescension rare,—
Heaven round a common child to glow;
And wiser eyes of angels know
The star, a toy but roughly wrought;
The child, God's own most loving
thought.

Yon evening planet, wan with moons,
Colossal, 'mid its dim, swift noons,—
What is it but a bulk of stone,
Like this gray globe we dwell upon?
Down hollow spaces, sightless, chill,
Its vibrant beams in darkness thrill,
Till thro' some window drift the rays
Where a pure heart looks up and prays;
And in that silent worshipper,
The waves of feeling stir and stir,
And spread in wider rings above,
To tremble at God's heart of love.
Tho' it be kingliest one of all
His worlds, 'tis but a stony ball:
What are they all, from sun to sun,
But dust and stubble, when all's done?
Some heavenly grace it only caught,
When, like a hint from home, it brought
To a child's heart one tender thought:
Itself in that great mystery lost,
As some bright pebble, idly tost
Into the darkling sea at night,
Whose widening ripples, running light,
Go out into the infinite."

"East and West."

The projectors of the new magazine which is to be established in the Fall by Mr. W. A. Bradley and Mr. George S. Hellman of Columbia, have decided to change the name and call it "East and West," instead of "The American," as at first contemplated. The name "American" is already in use on a publication and they wish to avoid any possibility of conflict.

Ninety-Three Changes.

Noah H. Swayne, 2d, Secretary of the Class of 1893, has sent to each member of the Class a printed list of the present addresses. The list indicates a number of changes from the the addresses given in the Directory of Living Graduates for 1899. Those in which a change is noted are given below:

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