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WORKING "YALE LOYALTY."

We venture to give a warning. Be careful—even be suspicious—of anybody who solicits your support of any enterprise or anything on the ground that "Yale loyalty demands it." If Yale loyalty requires a special act of support, the fact appears on the surface and does not require being dwelt upon to establish the fact. It may be in order to set forth the opportunities of the particular occasion at some length. It may even require some argument to show that the results aimed at are to be reached by the means proposed. Again, there have been plenty of good enterprises in the name of Yale which could bear being dwelt upon with fullness and with much ringing of the changes upon staple arguments in order to make it sure that the listener would strike the maximum ratio between the urgency or the opportunity of the occasion and the total of his surplus.

But on any genuine Yale undertaking, the stamp and the superscription plainly appear. Don't forget the fact. Don't allow yourself to be worked. We had almost said, don't be a fool. When a man lays a proposition before you and he is not willing to have you consider it on its merits, but talks about "demands of loyalty," then beware of the proposition, even as a business proposition. It is not safe. There is deceit in it.

Must a Yale man be told when his loyalty should be his motive? It has been the history of the University and her sons that they need be only shown the facts of a Yale need or a Yale opportunity, in order to put themselves in the right relations to it. It is somewhat of an insult to say to a Yale man that he must. As though a son must be taught, after he has come of age, that when his mother is in need it is filial to supply her wants, or must be assured, when she asks for special means, that she will use those means for the blessing of others.

How money goes into pockets that have no will or ability to do aught with it for Yale, because some man with glib tongue and easy conscience says that "Yale loyalty demands" this subscription! It is hard to believe, sometimes, that men of business sagacity, who are logical about most things, are so easily gulled by representations of this kind. They are set forth often by

people who have no connection with the University. The object for which the support is asked, is often one which is plainly a business enterprise in whose profits the University can possibly have no part. But the claim is boldly made and the graduate, particularly if at some distance from the University, and if not closely in touch with it, is unable to do the investigating necessary and decides to give Yale the benefit (?) of the doubt.

Yale graduates ought not to do this. It hurts every real Yale enterprise or good Yale cause. Wait until you can look into a thing. No harm can come from taking time. Write to New Haven. If the WEEKLY can serve you it will be glad to. That is what it is here for. If we don't know, we are glad to look things up.

And when you find a thing that is really a fraud and an imposition, write to us. It will be a pleasure to show it up. Please send all the evidence you can.

IMPROVING ALUMNI MEETING.

The Class Secretaries and the Committee in charge of the different reunions have it in their power to make of decided value the general alumni meeting in Alumni Hall on Tuesday morning of Commencement week. This ought to be a representative gathering of alumni for purposes of discussion and exchange of views. It might be made much of. It is disappointing at present, when considered in the light of its possibilities. There are some things considerably lacking in the arrangement, but no great improvement can be expected unless the alumni themselves attend and attend in good numbers. As it is now, the business meetings of the different classes are generally held between ten and twelve o'clock, which is exactly the time when the general alumni meeting is in progress. It is very often the case that the only man present for a single class will be the man who has been chosen to speak for that class, the other members of the class being in attendance on their own business meeting at that time. These business meetings could be just as well arranged for either an earlier or a later hour, or the business could be transacted just before the Class supper. If this were done and it were advertised that alumni were expected at the Hall, and if, when they got there they had excellent speakers, with, perhaps, some singing or some other feature to enliven the exercises, the meeting would develop into something of substantial value to those who attend and to the University. Unless something is done to "brace it up," the alumni will be left entirely without any "town meeting." And the alumni of Yale are people to whom the old New England idea of government ought to be quite applicable, if to anybody.

The next issue of the WEEKLY goes into the mails June 1.

CURRENT YALE LITERATURE.

Statement of the Contents of "Yale; Her Campus, Classrooms and Athletics."

The book called "Yale; her Campus, Classrooms and Athletics," whose publication was announced for last month, but was delayed by the failure of the engraver to carry out his large contract on it, has finally appeared.

The general purport of the book has already been given in the WEEKLY. The attempt is to cover the three distinct sides of Yale life; the social side, which comes under the head of "Cam-

pus"; the intellectual side, which is described in the department called "Classrooms," and the athletic side, which comes under its own head in the third division of the book. The attempt is made to give a fairly thorough review of these three departments of Yale.

In the first two divisions—the Campus and the Classrooms—the descriptive sketches are largely limited to the present time. The historical side is confined to chronological tables appearing as appendices to their respective divisions. At the end of the first division, the Campus, the appendices include a condensed history of each of the publications at Yale from the earliest time; a similar history of the societies; a record of Yale in debate, with the main facts of each contest, and the facts and dates in the history of Yale's voluntary religious organizations. At the end of the second department, "Classrooms," appear chronological tables covering the history of each department—Yale College the Scientific School, the professional schools and the like, with other tables of special record, like a list of the principal gifts to Yale from her foundation, the record of attendance, the appointment record of the last twenty-five years, a comparative record of administrations and so on.

In the portion devoted to athletics, Mr. Camp, after a general sketch of the policy of Yale in the management of her athletics, gives a history of each department, beginning with rowing. Then at the end of each department comes a tabulated record of the University's history in this particular kind of athletics, showing for instance, in rowing, just what races were rowed, the time for each, who won, what kind of a shell was used, the conditions of weather, and other important details.

But the main part of the book is a description of Yale as it is to-day. The social side is covered by a brief sketch of a man's course through college, taking up those things which most impress one as he goes through his course. It is meant to be, in a way, an autobiographical sketch. The treatment is a little unusual, the chapters being named as follows: First, "As to Making a Yale Man"; second, "The Initiation"; third, "The Sense of Membership"; fourth, "Living only in Yale"; fifth, "Running Yale as Senior"; sixth, "Getting out of Yale and into it Again."

After this the different institutions of the place are taken up and described by sketches, sometimes of single incidents in connection with them. The description of Fence life comes in a chapter described "The Fight to Save the Fence." The religious life is described in two chapters, one called "In Battell Chapel" and the other "In the Young Men's Christian Association." A description of the societies is introduced by a description of Tap-day, followed by a general sketch of the workings of all the societies. One chapter is devoted to "The College Dean" and another to "The Poor Student's Opportunities," another to "The Prom and the Prom Visitor," another to "Yale Journalism," the history and condition of debate is described under the head "Revival of Debate." There are chapters on "A Reunion," "The Graduate and the University," "Some of the ways of Yale," and "For God, for Country and for Yale."

Under the head "Yale Classrooms" is an introductory sketch called "Yale, the College and University." The next chapter is on Yale College, the next on the Scientific School, and after that the different professional schools are taken up. In all these sketches the aim has been to describe the condition of things at Yale to-day, and to give such facts as one would like who wished to know about the different Yale systems of education and how they were applied.

After the different departments of the University, including the Department of Music, are treated, the point of view changes and the different divisions of study are taken up. Philosophy is covered by recalling a few main facts about the teaching of philosophy at Yale and then describing the courses that are given now and the men who give them. This treatment of the different divisions of study is largely personal, something being said about each of the men mentioned. But as pointed out in the preparatory note to these chapters, they are not intended as a critical study of the men of the Yale Faculty. Facts are given about the different men in so far as they help to illustrate the work of the department. Sometimes the instructors are simply named; at other times a point or two

is mentioned about their record and characteristics as teachers. In this department of the book, as appears from the reading, assistance was freely given by persons familiar with the special work of each department.

The authors are Walter Camp, '80, and Lewis S. Welch, '89. "The Campus" was written entirely by Mr. Welch, with the exception of the article on debate, which, as announced in one of the introductory chapters, was prepared by Mr. Walter H. Clark, '96. In the preparation of the second part of the book, which was also a part of Mr. Welch's work, he was assisted by a number of different men. Professor Schwab wrote the chapter on "Yale College"; Professor Corwin wrote the Scientific School; Professor Weir described the Art School, while recent graduates in the Theological and Medical Schools prepared the material for those sketches.

The third section of the book, on athletics, was prepared entirely by Mr. Camp.

The introduction is by Mr. Samuel J. Elder, Yale '73, and is very graceful. The book is a volume of 628 pages and contains eighty full pages of illustrations. The typography and press-work are excellent and the cover is a design in Yale blue with the seal of the College in gold and white. The publishers are L. C. Page & Co., of Boston. The book is handled in New Haven by the E. P. Judd Co. and the Yale Coöperative Store.

Yale Club Night.

A Club Night of the Yale Club will be held at Sherry's, Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street, Friday evening, May 26, at 9 o'clock.

An address will be delivered by Bernadotte Perrin, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Greek Language and Literature in Yale University, on the subject "The Future of Yale College," (as distinguished from Yale University.) Supper will be served.

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