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## PRESIDENT HADLEY.

It is done. And it is well done. In deliberate retrospect and after six months of prospect, we are convinced that the Corporation of Yale could not have more highly or more effectively served Yale than in their choice of last Thursday. And we can speak for Yale. We do so in full knowledge of the arguments and debates of half a year, of diverse tastes and temperaments, and of all conflicts of conviction. We are absolutely confident that we are well within the truth in saying that the heart of Yale is glad and that the mind of Yale is satisfied.

Yale—and when we use this word, we speak of all Yale, graduate, official and undergraduate—wanted a Yale man. They have one. None could be more of Yale, by life and work and spirit and by all the influences of ancestry and environment, than Arthur Twining Hadley. He has lived his life for Yale as his father did before him and, like his father, with great distinction. He has studied Yale as closely as he has studied favorite problems of his profession, and knows it through and through,—not on one side but on all sides.

Yale asked for a young man, seeing that the years that would come and go so swiftly would be so crowded with new works and new opportunities and new questions, that, if the University were to be led calmly but surely along a path that came out of its best past to go into its best future, it should have one to lead her who had time to arrange all things to this end, and could be patient while he forged forwards.

Yale wanted a man whom the country knew as one of such parts of mind and of character as to afford in his own record a guarantee of the strength and quality of leadership. They have a man to whom men of thought and men of action subscribe, whose intellectual endowments are such as the dignity of his high position should demand, whose character is most enthusiastically trusted by those who are personally nearest to him, who is not only re-

spected of men, but for whom men have affection.

Besides these things, Yale asked more than anything else for two other things. First, for one whom all Yale would follow. To-day Yale is back of the President-elect with a loyalty worthy of her best traditions. The Campus has but one voice and the Yale of the life outside the Campus is at one with the Yale of here.

And, lastly, Yale asked for a citizen—for one who recognized the responsibilities of an American University to the American Republic, of a Connecticut University to the Commonwealth of Connecticut, of a University, whose home is in New Haven, to its city. And the President-elect is one who, in office, in speech, in writing and in his manner of association with men, has shown great zeal and great force in the public service and has exemplified a high standard of citizenship.

Congratulations to Yale and God-speed to her new leader.

## THE NEW ERA AND THE ALUMNI WEEKLY.

Let us work together. That suggestion is for every Yale man on our list. As Yale begins to work out the altogether untried problems that are before her, and to do even greater things than have yet been done, let no one forget how that which is now a part of history has been accomplished. Coöperation is the key of Yale enterprise in all departments of Yale life and Yale work. Now we ask very seriously and very sincerely of every man who has an interest in this place, to make such use of the WEEKLY as he can; not only in watching things as they develop and in reading new Yale history as it is made, but in helping to make it. There comes into almost every Yale man's mind, from time to time, some thought of what might be or ought to be, or ought not to be, here at Yale. This paper is trying to be, and with the coöperation of the officers and men of Yale, it has in some measure become, a clearing-house for Yale ideas, and a connecting system between the Yale of New Haven and the Yale of all the rest of the world.

We ask every Yale man to use it freely. When the doubt and the suggestion and the curiosity comes and you are not satisfied, try us. You may not want to write anything for publication, and we may not want to print it if you do,—for all things are not expedient; but if the WEEKLY hears from you, you will hear from the WEEKLY. The WEEKLY will be better off and better able to do its work, if it has your idea or your point of view or your complaint. If the suggestion is one that can be transmitted in print, it will be so transmitted; but there will not be a sacrifice of Yale interest for the sake of Yale news. And if it would better be quietly passed on for the use of those who can make the best use of it, then it will be so passed on.

We trust we need not add that if it is a question of getting facts from us which we have on our records or which we have access to, which are needed for the promotion of some Yale enterprise in any part of the country, we are ready to give this. If there is some particular expense in securing these facts the actual expense will be charged to those who need them, but it is generally possible to supply all such requests with such equipment and force as we now have, very simply, and without any cost. The WEEKLY has placed itself in a position to do this work upon a larger scale than it has yet done it, and we trust that the response of the Yale

alumni may justify the outlay which we have made. As Yale men, our subscribers are stockholders in this enterprise of an alumni paper, and their rights and privileges as such we shall always try to recognize and to grant.

## A COLLEGE HOMESTEAD.

We have been looking over the list of names of those who have had their College home in South Middle. There are so many of them who would rightly go on any Yale roll of honor that it is quite idle to attempt to enumerate them in an article like his. Going back into the forties, when the building was nearly one hundred years old, and coming down to not later than seventy, the list rolls up to a limit quite beyond an editorial column, of men who have been active—honorably and successfully active—in very many and various walks of life. These men, and the great company before them; and the men who have followed, who are now coming to the front rank and the first stations, are visibly connected with Yale by this old Campus homestead.

Of course you can argue the point; indeed, one can argue away almost anything in sentiment, no matter how tender or strong or inspiring it is. When you measure such things as memories and associations of the past and the way in which these memories and associations are kept alive, you cannot put the results down in figures. These men were in Yale, and Yale does not depend on any particular collection of brick and mortar for its life. No, indeed, it does not! We are very strong on that ourselves. But just how it applies when it comes to the question of saving an old Yale home, we are just thick enough not to see.

A friend who comes to mind is of a family who settled many generations ago in the old town of Guilford. Some of the family have lived there ever since, and the homestead is there. We are not prepared to say just what condition that homestead is in. It doubtless has needed, from time to time, a good deal in the way of repairs; it may be required, to preserve it for the future, an outlay of several hundred, and perhaps more than a thousand cold, hard dollars, with which a few stocks or a gold bond might be bought, returning interest. It probably is not nearly as conveniently adapted to the present uses of the family and for the purposes of large family reunions, as is a modern house. Why not tear the old thing down and put up something that is up to date, and is more conveniently located, according to the eye of the landscape gardener? You could put a new building somewhere near the site which would do the work a good deal better, and what difference is it going to make to the good people whose fathers and forefathers, back indefinitely, lived there. When they go back for a reunion, they know that the family have lived in the town of Guilford for a long while, and that some members of the family live there now, and they have now, as ever, the freedom of the town. The town is just as beautiful as ever, and restful. Why let sentiment stand in the way of progress? Why let the old building cumber the earth

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