

CURRENT LITERATURE.

A New Yale Book.

Mr. Henry B. Wright, '98, General Secretary of the Yale Y. M. C. A., is publishing from the press of Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, a book entitled "Sunday Evening Talks to Yale Undergraduates."

The eight addresses which comprise the volume were delivered before the students of Yale University during the past year and are published at the request of many who have heard them when they were delivered and to whom they proved both helpful and stimulating. The addresses are as follows: I. "College Men and the Church," by Rev. Charles E. Jefferson; II. "Experiment versus Experience," by Prof. Bernadotte Perrin; III. "Salvation—What is it?" by Rev. George B. Cutten; IV. "Forgiveness," by Rev. Alexander McKenzie; V. "Faith and Works," by Rev. John Watson; VI. "Foundations," by Rev. Samuel E. Herrick; VII. "Prayer," by Prof. George Adam Smith; VIII. "Herod and John the Baptist," by Mr. D. L. Moody. The very charm of the Dwight Hall addresses—their informality and personal character—has unfortunately made it impossible to publish several, and it is to be regretted that the book could not be a complete record of the inspiring Christian messages which preachers, teachers and laymen have brought to Yale this year.

Jesse Lynch Williams's Stories.

Lovers of short stories are always on the lookout for anything with Jesse Lynch Williams's name at the bottom. The author of that very clever and creditable series of college sketches, "Princeton Stories," which is now in its seventh edition, has not confined himself to college life, but has done, as magazine readers know, some very good work in newspaper stories. Scribner's have just published a collection of this kind, called "The Stolen Story and Other Newspaper Stories." The book contains one, perhaps the most important, which has not before appeared in print. It closes the volume and is called "The Old Reporter." Like the other newspaper stories, it takes one right into the peculiar life of the newspaper worker, and gives most interesting phases of that life without discriminating against its unfavorable and discouraging features. "The Old Reporter" goes the way of many a worker of his kind—a brilliant beginning and a pathetic downhill slide, which dates from the time that a too steady and continued diet of excitement and study of abnormal features of life, and living in an unnatural atmosphere, led to a form of relaxation that is pathetically common in that profession. It wouldn't be a fair story for a type,

but it isn't meant as such. It is natural enough, however, to make it very real, and it is on the whole well done. The very tender side of it does not quite fit in somehow. One wonders whether Woods, who could do such things as to betray dinner table confidences and resort to the strategy of his last effort, was ever quite worthy of the tender things hinted at.

Outing for June.

The June *Outing* comes at least pretty near the claim of the publishers to being the next best thing to an outing itself. The articles include: "Through the 'Green' With the Iron Clubs," by Findlay S. Douglas, amateur champion of the United States; a sketch called "Where the Ouananiche Is Waiting," by E. W. Sandys, which takes for its text a few of the lines from Kipling's epic of sport called "The Feat of the Young Men"; "The New Yachts of the Year," by A. J. Kenealy; "Practical Camping—Out Near Home," by T. C. Yard, and a very suggestive article called "A Comparison and some Suggestions in Lawn Tennis," by J. Parmly Paret. These, among other attractive articles and sketches and some most winsome illustrations, make one decidedly uneasy in his office or armchair. The "Monthly Review of Sports" gives special attention to baseball among the Eastern colleges, and contains among other things a very knowing sketch of Yale's nine. The conclusion of this sketch is: "Taken as a whole, Yale's team fields fairly, has four or five good batters, is running bases with judgment and dash, but is not particularly strong in its batteries. The team would probably score more runs against a given opponent than either Princeton or Harvard, but at the same time would not be so successful in holding down an opponent's score.

If Yale's batteries can be brought into more effective form her team will be strong. Just at present, with the pitchers not particularly effective and the fielding not of the best, it is much too easy for opponents to run up large scores."

The *Atlantic* for June has for its feature the first four chapters of a new story by Mary Johnston, called "To Have and to Hold." Current political events receive attention in Arthur May Knapp's article on the Philippines and Herbert Pelham Williams' very informing and candid statement of "The Outlook in Cuba." A short story by Gilbert Parker called "The Man at the Wheel," and letters between two poets, the latter being the correspondence between Bayard Taylor and Sidney Lanier, are two of the literary features of the number.

The special Yale literature of the term includes a new edition of sketches of life at Yale University—"Yale Yarns," by John Seymour Wood. It is bound in paper. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. Price 50 cents.

Books received include Cassell & Co.'s National Library editions in paper of "Merchants of Venice," "Othello," "Hamlet," and "Julius Caesar."

Oxford Summer Meeting.

The Ninth Summer Meeting of The Oxford University Extension will be held at Oxford (England) from July 29 to August 23. Tickets for the whole meeting \$7.50; for either half of it \$5. Among those who have promised to take part in the meeting are Sir W. Anson Bart, Warden of All Souls College; Hon. George Brodrick, Warden of Merton College; the Bishop of Chester; the Bishop of Bristol; Lord Strathcona; Lord Farrer; Sir Alfred Lyall; Sir William Richmond; Canon Sanday; Professors Dicey; Jebb; York Powell; Sayce; Percy Gardner; Gotch; Sollas; Messrs. Arthur Sidgwick; Frederick Myers; Geoffrey Drage, M.P.; Herbert Paul; M. E. Sadler; G. W. E. Russell, Hudson Shaw; Churton Collins; Estlin Carpenter, and many others.

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Track Team Officers.

At a meeting of the University held on Friday evening, June 9, the following officers of the University Track Team were elected for next year: President, Jesse Dwight Dana, 1900, of Brookline, Mass.; Vice-President, Edwin Hill Clark, 1900 S., of Chicago, Ill.; Assistant Manager, Sherman Lockwood Coy, 1901, of Lakeville, Conn.; Secretary, George Milton Smith, 1901, of New York City.

The President and Secretary were elected by acclamation. I. Richards, Jr., W. D. Brennan, and S. H. Hotchkiss, all of 1900 S., were nominated for the Vice-Presidency; G. B. Kip, and W. P. Tyler, both of 1901, for the managership.

At a meeting of the members of the Harvard track team on June 6, A. N. Rice, 1900, the high jumper, was elected Captain for the coming year.

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