

NO STUDENT WAITERS.

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"If I were managing Commons as a business, I would much rather give the student waiters their board and employ colored waiters besides than to rely upon the students for service. In other words, students are not fit by training or habit of life for the service required in such an institution as the Yale Commons. They are fit for a great many better things and while unable to do this, they may be the best of men and the very best of students. After all, it is a very expensive way of earning one's board. For the same amount of time, a much better return can be secured in other fields of student activity.

"But, after all," he continued, "we must remember that the Yale University Dining Hall was established for the purpose of giving the best board possible, in the best way possible, at the lowest figure and to the largest number in the University possible. And next we must consider what is due the 400 or 500 men who want to eat at Commons and cannot. Good service there opens an opportunity for economical board, and a large number of men is of the first importance to the University. Even if the change makes difficulties for a few men, that is not in itself sufficient reason for opposing the change."

THE WAITERS' SIDE.

The general feeling of the waiters may be stated briefly as follows:

In the first place, they answer the objection to student service on the ground of economy, by calling attention to figures only. In estimating the cost under the old system, the board of the thirty student waiters, which was given for their services, is placed at four dollars a week, which is the average charge at Commons. There were approximately thirty student waiters, which brought, on this basis, the expense to the Commons of \$120 per week for their services. There were, in addition to this, ten colored men who received not only their board, but six dollars a week besides. It is assumed that, under the new plan, there will be about thirty colored waiters. They will receive six dollars a week, making a total of \$180 a week and their board. The difference is the difference between \$180 per week and the board of ten colored men, as under the old system, or \$180 per week and the board of thirty colored men, as under the new system. In other words the new system means an additional cost of the board of twenty men per week, which may be placed at \$80 per week.

Against the claim that for all this the students are such poor waiters and so wasteful that it is much more economical to employ the professional colored waiters at the additional expense, the students ask why it is that the landlords and landladies of New Haven, whose interest is a purely business one, have so generally employed student waiters. They think that these rather shrewd people would have found out long ago that it was not profitable, if the student waiter was not able to master the work.

The charge of waste on the part of student waiters is in general denied by the waiters. They claim that no more food is wasted than is absolutely necessary in such a place as Commons. They admit that there is waste, but charge this to the habits of the boarders themselves, who will come in in scores two or three minutes before Chapel time, demand their breakfast at once, and then have to hurry off unable to eat more than a small part of it.

The waiters add, however, that if the charge of waste can be proven against any individual, the waiters as a whole, or the College at large, would support the action of the authorities in dismissing those waiters and placing men who were more careful in charge. What they criticize, they say, is holding the whole body of waiters responsible for that which, at most, only a few can be guilty of.

THE LENGTH OF SERVICE.

On the main point of longer time of service the answer is made that the heaviest rushes come at times when longer meal hours would not be able to lessen them. At breakfast the only hurried time is just before Chapel, and this cannot be improved by a longer breakfast hour. At noon and at night the heaviest rush is in the first fifteen min-

utes of the meal hour. The chance for later hours would not, they say, be taken advantage of by the majority of boarders to reduce this rush to any extent. Nearly all want their lunch and dinner at about the same time, and they generally will not go later and get it just because they know they can. In support of this claim the waiters point to the large private houses, where, although the hours, especially at night, are much longer than those at Commons, very few boarders avail themselves of the privilege. In answer to the charge that student waiters are liable to cut at the end of their hour, the waiters make a general denial, and say that they stay until work is done.

In general, as to their service, the student waiters say that is as good on the whole as that given by professionals. They claim that at the ten tables, at which two students have hitherto waited, service is better than at the ten tables waited on by one colored man each, and at the tables at which one student has served, he has done as well as a professional, for he is always an old waiter and knows his men. The waiters say that this is borne out by the testimony of those upon whom they have waited, who generally express their satisfaction with those who have waited on them and their regret that any change has been effected.

Ninety-Three Class Record.

It is probably safe to say that the Sexennial Record of the Class of Ninety-Three is very near to, if it does not hold, the record for promptness in publication. It is also safe to say that its value to the Class is thereby enhanced many fold. The record is published by the Class Secretary, Noah H. Swayne, 2d, and is a very informing account of the last reunion, with a complete compilation of the individual records and addresses of the members of the Class. The record of the reunion is interesting, even to one who is not a member of Ninety-Three, and recalls with a good deal of distinctness the time when Ninety-Three was in New Haven last Summer. The Class has always been given to unusual cheers and songs. On Monday afternoon of Commencement week, a Song Festival, as it is called in the record, was held at the Tontine. It commenced with sixteen present at lunch, with ever increasing attendance until about five o'clock. At this time "a ditty, adapted by Cook and Swayne," was sung, of which the last two stanzas were as follows:

How well do I remember the charge
of '98,
When the shot and shell was fallin'
fast and thick;
Along comes a cannon ball a whizzin'
through the air,
And struck Hickox in the neck.
Then up jumps Hick and sez, "By gosh,
my neck is tough,
You see they're trying to kill me, but
they can't."
Oh! the good old days, there'll be no
more hereafter
When we fit for General Shafter.

CHORUS.

When we fit for General Shafter,
When we fit for General Shafter,
Oh! the good old days, there'll be no
more hereafter
When we fit for General Shafter.

How well do I remember the days of '93,
When we all sat along upon the fence;
There were several of our men didn't
do a thing then,
Which the same haven't done a thing
sence,
"Skee" played good pool, and for tips
he kept a school,
But Bowns raked in all the pence.
There was "Bim" and "Merry Jerry"
and Stoutenborough Terribery,
When we all sat along upon the fence.

CHORUS.

When we all sat along upon the fence,
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A certain cheer is recorded in this book, which has hitherto baffled observers at baseball games. It is worth while reproducing it here, if for nothing more than to satisfy the curiosity of those who have wondered what the Class of Ninety-Three was talking about. It runs thus:

The equation gives intercept B,
The equation gives intercept B,
The equation gives intercept B and the
slope,
Is $y = mx + B$.

The tangent of Theta you see,
The tangent of Theta you see,
The tangent of Theta is just as you see,
It's y over $mx + B$.

The University Secretaryship.

Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., who was appointed Secretary of the Corporation at its Commencement meeting, will not begin the active duties of his position until next Commencement, when he will finish his Theological course at the Cambridge Divinity School. Most of the work of the office will be cared for by Professor Dexter during his absence. Mr. Stokes will be in New Haven on all formal occasions when his presence as Secretary will be required. A good many people have asked whether Mr. Stokes may not have duties, after he has been ordained at Cambridge, in connection with the College pulpit here. The WEEKLY's best information here is that Mr. Stokes does not intend to have any official connection with the religious life of the College. As a resident of the College community and a member of the College staff, he will undoubtedly, as in undergraduate days, take a very lively interest in all religious matters.

The Treasurership.

As the WEEKLY goes to press no definite steps have been taken towards securing a successor to Mr. Farnam, as Treasurer of the University.

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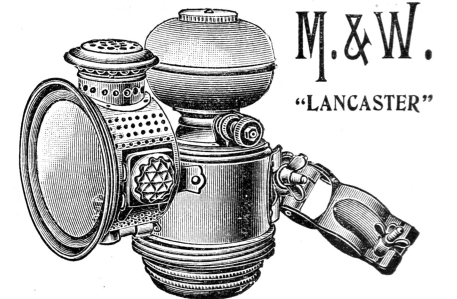
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