

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NOVEL.

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appears here as a mere addition or afterthought. In this latter subgroup, Poe, Hawthorne, Emily Brontë, the critic might well have shown a more single purpose.

In the "Realistic Reaction," Professor Cross has more difficulty in showing reaction and progress, but it seems to us he has done well in his analysis of the Dickens school. Nice as the analysis is, the conclusion that the humanitarian novel shows an idealistic or romantic interpretation of facts and conditions commonly considered material proper to realism, seems to us justified. It is difficult to establish,—at first sight it looks like a fanciful basis for the reaction under Thackeray and George Eliot, but in our judgment Professor Cross's theory accounts for it naturally, logically and inevitably. "Fielding set the Spanish rogue story over against Richardson, and Thackeray professedly took Fielding as his model in his reaction against Dickens." (Intro, p. xii.)

Thackeray's estimate is, perhaps, a bit grudging. Admitting that he reverted to the Fielding type of fiction and therefore makes no such addition to the art as George Eliot's ethical formula, we cannot escape the feeling that Thackeray is slighted in favor of George Eliot, nor the suspicion that in Professor Cross's eyes the novel culminates in her, that the lines of its growth point more or less distinctly to her. Certain it is that the writer's best abilities went to the making of this, the most extended study in the volume, and it would be hard to praise the result too highly. Those of Meredith, of Hardy, of Henry James, of Stevenson will be challenged, doubtless, by the worshippers of each; they are reserved and cautious and therefore perhaps more nicely balanced than the Eliot chapter. That on Meredith we mentioned in connection with Sterne as showing the critic's justice towards a writer whom he cannot unqualifiedly praise. Its juxtaposition with that on Eliot is most fortunate and gives the reader an excellent chance to contrast the two most striking passages of the book.

On the whole, in spite of a certain unevenness, in spite of the sense one gets that the one volume should be two; that, upon occasion, the matter seems rather too ingeniously warped to fit the theories of the author (e. g. the comparison of Jane Austen's novels with the Shakespeare comedies, and of Scott's with the tragedies); one cannot but regard the result with a deep satisfaction. It is painstaking but most intelligent scholarship and it is also ripe literary judgment. It is one of the most important contributions to literary history which has appeared for years; and it should be a source of pride to Yale men, not only that a Yale scholar has produced it, but that it shows the tendency of literary scholarship here. It would seem to indicate that we are looking towards Paris rather than towards the German universities.

PROGRESS IN FOOTBALL.

The Week's Practice Shows Improvement—Defense Still Poor.

The week of football practice which ended with the game with Bates College last Saturday, was one of general progress, and encouragement. The large squad of 75 men has been gone over with a fine-toothed comb and the result is a couple of good stiff first and second elevens with a third and fourth which are at work every day in the educating and refining process.

It can be fairly said that Yale is keeping abreast of the season in her development of an eleven. Her green line men are learning how to hold, and her green backs know more about the game and are able to put their knowledge into operation. This has come about through hard, steady coaching by Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Bull, and Captain McBride, and helpful assistance from Messrs. Corbin, Butterworth, G. T. Adee and Murphy.

The team is, of course, very far from where it must be this time next month in all departments of play. In the Bates game, a known weakness in defense was strongly brought out, when the opposing backs made thirty-five through the line without much trouble. It is

true, the gains were made by strong, quick men, but they should have been stopped in half that distance. When the Bates advance was stopped, however, it didn't begin again to any considerable extent, and when Yale took the ball her strength in the running game was very marked.

Those who saw that game, concluded that the line must do heroic work between now and Oct. 21, the date of the Wisconsin game, or the Westerners will find an open door through it.

In both the Trinity and Bates games Yale's kicking was consistently good and the backs handled the ball cleanly. Sharpe is beginning to put his punts about where he wants them and his long high drives straight down the side lines and close to them, give a reasonable hope that Yale will hold her own in a kicking game. The physical condition of the men is excellent and although there has been much hard practice, there is no hospital list.

Yale, 46; Trinity, 0.

Yale defeated the eleven of Trinity on Yale Field, Wednesday, Oct. 4, by the score of 46 to 0, the largest that a Yale team has put to its credit in recent years. Trinity's line was very light however, and was unable to hold the heavy smashes of Sharpe, Adams, and Kiefer. When her backs did have the ball they were unable to advance it, as they were not strong enough to win their way alone, and they had practically no interference. The wonder is, then, that Yale's score was not larger than 46 points.

About 800 spectators saw Brown of Yale kick-off at 3.15, to Bellamy. The latter brought the ball back 15 yards very neatly, but in the next play fumbled it to Yale. Kiefer, Sharpe, Francis and Dupee carried it over in plunges through Trinity's right wing. Brown missed the goal. After two exchanges of punts by which Yale was the great gainer, chiefly through the skill of Sharpe, it was Yale's ball at the middle of the field, and in two minutes she had scored again, Sharpe making a run of 30 yards around the left end to the touchdown. Dupee made the third touchdown after Stillman. Sharpe and Kiefer had brought the ball 50 yards in five plays. Trinity, evidently in poor physical condition, was wearing out fast, and before the first half ended Yale had put two more touchdowns to her credit. The score, then, was 29 to 0, Brown having missed an easy goal.

The second half found an almost entirely new team for Yale, but they started off with express train speed and had a touchdown in three minutes, a second in five minutes more and seventeen seconds before the end of the game still another one. Adams did particularly clever work. The playing in both halves was sharp and clean. The line-up:

YALE.	POSITION.	TRINITY.
Schweppe	right-end-left	Trumbull
Richards		
Stillman	right-tackle-left	Brown (capt.)
Blagden		
Leary	right-guard-left	Hill
C. Brown		
Cunha	center	Johnson
Tomlinson		
F. G. Brown	left-guard-right	Crane
Francis		
Hale	left-tackle-right	Henderson
Thomas		
Gould	left-end-right	T. Brown
Fincke	quarterback	Syphax
deSaullès		
Sharpe	left-half-right	Tuke
Adams		
Kiefer	right-half-left	Wheeler
Shattuck		
Burdick		
Dupee	fullback	Bellamy
Auchincloss		
Shattuck		

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Summary: Yale 46, Trinity 0. Touchdown, Dupee 2, Adams 2, Sharpe, Kiefer, Stillman, Burdick. Goals kicked by F. G. Brown 6. Referee, Dr. Hammond. Umpire, W. S. Moyle. Linesmen, Hull of Yale and Peck of Trinity. Twenty and fifteen minute halves.

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