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Edmund Burke was one of the most liberal and progressive men of his century; yet Burke was the man who set the truest value on those forms of the English constitution which, as he himself avowed, were rooted in prejudice. The constitution of Yale to-day, with its strange combination of liberty and privilege, of prescriptive custom and progressive individualism, has not a few points of resemblance to Burke's England. I can avow myself a conservative in the sense that Burke was a conservative; with him, I should hesitate to cast away the coat of prejudice and leave nothing but the naked reason.

—From President Hadley's Inaugural Address.

THE INAUGURATION.

Those alumni and friends of Yale who were not in New Haven on last Wednesday, Oct. 18, the day of the inauguration of Arthur Twining Hadley as President of the University, and who might have been in New Haven on that day, made a very great mistake. Those who lived in New Haven sighed, ere the day was half over, that they had not used more strenuous measures, —telegrams, personal appeals, taunts, insults, invitations to choice companies, and other urgings—to bring to the city their friends from every corner of the land. If any who could have come staid away because of ordinary or even somewhat unusual business or personal considerations, it will be an act of friendship, looking to the future, if those who were here tell them how they missed that which will not return, to do something which at another time might have been accomplished.

The moderns and those of the middle ages say that Yale never saw such a day, and that its meaning was greater than that of any other occasion in the two centuries. Some of the elders look back to the inauguration of the elder Dwight, saying that the corner-turning which began then and was finished under the auspices of that great President, was of such absolutely incomparable importance that no other time or season can outrank it.

But there is no contention between them. Doubtless all will agree that the meaning of Wednesday was more borne in upon those who watched its scenes than that of any other Yale day. The old Yale was seen to rise in full stature, and to move forward in her old strength and to her new work. As witness to the hope and confidence of

America in her, the men who lead the thought and education of the Republic gathered to honor the day. If you did not see the faces on the platform and in the pews of Battell Chapel, you may read the names and think what their presence meant. What high pontiff in the temple of learning has taken on the robes of office under the influences and in the inspiration of such a goodly fellowship! And these were not educators alone who came to the honoring of a new Yale leadership. Yale's city of New Haven, Yale's commonwealth of Connecticut, Yale's Republic—all acclaimed the day and the man. They seemed to say again to Yale that she had been strong because her teaching was the "teaching of the heart, out of which are the issues of life," and that she would be yet stronger as she crossed into another century, more ready than ever to give that education which is measured by lives and their service-ability. They seemed to say to the new leader that they expected him to make new uses of the old strength which those who had worked before him had left as their legacy.

And the new Yale President answered these salutations and these hopes. The readers of the WEEKLY know just how. If they don't it is idle to talk to them about it. Let it be said again that the careful reading of the Hadley inaugural is an essential to a well ordered Yale man. How strongly it stood on the foundations of the Yale of the Dwights, of Woolsey, of Porter! How confidently it marked the way to the next century! It was practical and wise; simple and comprehensive; appreciative and discriminating; keen and full of courage. Not only what should be, was pointed out. It was shown that generally what should be, might be. Yale was ready to become more and more the University; Yale was to become no less the College, the community, the democracy.

Perhaps it was the latter pledge that made the celebration of undergraduate Yale so full of old fashioned enthusiasm. It was hard to say what made the Yale heart glow the most—the pomp and ceremony and dignity and solemnity of the Chapel exercises, or the swing and lift and electric life of the Campus and the blazing streets at night.

SPLENDID MANAGEMENT.

The committee of arrangements for the inauguration of President Hadley did the best work of that nature that any one in the present generation can remember in connection with any Yale affair. Indeed, from any standpoint, the entire arrangements, from first to last, were conspicuous for clearness and forehandedness and their execution was successful from the most exacting standpoint. The Committee on the Inauguration, appointed by the Corporation, consisted of Dr. T. T. Munger, Dr. Charles Ray Palmer and Mr. Thomas G. Bennett, on the part of the Corporation, and Mr. Thomas Hooker and Professor John C. Schwab, on the part of the Alumni and Faculty. The practical management devolved on Messrs. Hooker and Schwab. The special committee, appointed to supervise the undergraduate part of the celebration, were Prof. John C. Schwab, Dr. B. B. Boltwood and Dr. E. B. Reed. Dr. Boltwood and Dr. Reed spent weeks of time on the special designs for the train and other transparencies. If the Bi-centennial celebration shall be as well arranged and executed as was the Inauguration, its unqualified success may now be predicted.

YALE FOOTBALL.

It is not quite worthy of a good Yale man to be blue and cynical about his University in matters athletic. It is his part to remember that the Yale that created in former days a matchless record of victories, and, what is more, of the highest kind of work in all lines of athletic effort, is quite able again to win and to lead, and to make her sons feel, when they contend for her, that it is simply out of the possible that they should do anything but the best that can be done, and that to yield when there is on their side anything left is altogether unworthy of them.

Besides being unworthy of a Yale man, it is decidedly foolish for anyone to be very blue about the football prospects to-day. It is quite impossible to predict and quite unwise to dip into the future as to scores; but it is possible to say that Yale has never gathered herself for her efforts in the field of football more worthily or more intelligently than in the season of 1899. The spirit of those who play and of the whole University is excellent. The undergraduate leaders, the captain and the manager, are this year doing their part in a thoroughly exemplary way, with industry, with confidence, but with modesty, and with all possible use of experience and counsel of those who have gone before them in the same line. The man who has taken the responsibility of supervising the coaching is too well known to Yale men to-day to need any description or commendation. Mr. Rodgers is a Yale athlete of the best type, a man who commands the unlimited confidence of those who work under him. Mr. Bull has over and over again demonstrated his knowledge of and skill in the game and is now proving, perhaps in a more remarkable way than ever before, his devotion to Yale, by the amount of time and energy which he is giving to his department of the game. The names of those who are working with the men and furthering the efforts of the Captain and Manager are seen from week to week in our news columns. That so many have already taken hold, with such harmony, shows the early development of a consistent and reasonable plan of campaign.

There is very good reason for every good Yale man to renew his faith in Yale and to give every possible support, moral and material, to those who have her present fortunes in their hands. It is time to stop talking about Yale making a creditable showing and perhaps doing a little better than last year. Renew and enlarge your faith in Yale athletics, and believe that in this season and in the seasons to follow, it will be worthy of all that is best in the traditions of the place and will make new causes for pride.

Department of Music Changes.

At the Corporation meeting Wednesday morning, Oct. 18, besides the naming of Mr. M. F. Tyler for Treasurer of the University, Mr. H. B. Jepson, Yale '93, instructor in organ playing in the College, was appointed Assistant Professor of the Theory of Music, and Mr. Stanley Knight, who has been the assistant of Prof. Samuel S. Sanford in the Department of Applied Music, was made instructor in pianoforte playing in that department.

It was also announced that Doctor Jacques Dumas, the distinguished French jurist, had been elected Storrs Lecturer in the Yale Law School in April, 1900.

There was a smoke talk before the Graduates Club on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 21, at 9.15. Lieut. Henry H. Ward, U. S. N., spoke on "Watching the Enemy," being an account of his experiences while engaged in that work in Spain during the late war.

THE AVERAGE YOUNG MAN.

It must be admitted with regret that here in America the average young man is not addicted to small savings. He is too seldom a patron of savings banks. He is inclined to postpone his deposits until his salary or income will allow him to spare for investment a considerable sum, "say a thousand or so." His daily wants, however, usually increase with his income, and that postponed investment either is never made, or, if made at all, is too often lost in its infancy by an attempt to "strike it rich." Wise is that young man who realizes early in life that to acquire the habit of thrift is to place himself on the road to wealth. Such an one looking about him for all that may help to this end, seeking for that which will prove more lucrative even than a savings bank deposit while remaining full as sure, finds the object sought in life insurance.

There is hardly one young business man in a hundred who could not easily pay the yearly premium on a life policy for at least one thousand dollars. All that is needed is prudent watchfulness against the temptations of small, wasteful habits. Once that he has gained this stand, such moneys as are invested are well invested. More than this, if he is one of those to whom some other may rightfully look for protection he will realize with each such payment that he is in this way the better fulfilling the obligation.

The man with others dependent upon him, and with no estate, should, above all things, at once avail himself of this opportunity to create an estate and provide an income. A large majority of young men who marry do so before they have acquired an amount of property which would, in the event of their early death, provide the means of support for a surviving widow or parent. It would require years to save enough from the daily income to protect them adequately, but with the first premium paid on a good insurance policy in a sound company, an estate is created which cannot be lost or alienated so long as the subsequent premiums are met and the contract carried out in good faith. Thus is created an estate which is at once available without any slow and expensive process of legal administration; an estate which can be subject to no risk of attachment for debt, inasmuch as the proceeds of an insurance policy are the property of the beneficiary, if she be the wife of the insured, and are absolutely exempt from all claims whatsoever. Wills may be contested by dissatisfied heirs or pretended claimants, but the life policy in favor of wife or children admits no debate as to its ownership.

For such causes as these the American young man should early in life insure his life. A policy in the Mutual of New York means encouragement to thrift, it involves the truest aid in saving money, it secures a profitable investment, and it provides certain protection to those who are to look up to the American young man in life, and bless his memory in death.

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