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LIEUTENANT LEDYARD.

Within a little more than a month two United States Army officers, who were Yale-bred, have given up their lives in their country's service. News of the death of Captain Guy Howard, Yale '75, was followed last week by the brief announcement that the uprising at Negroes had cost the life of Lieutenant Augustus Canfield Ledyard, who graduated here only a year ago last June.

Something was said at the time, of the character of Howard and the loss his falling meant to the men who were his friends. It was the "shining mark" again when Ledyard was singled out. That is clear from the simple record of his life. And that is nearly as far as one can go in trying to tell what it means, to those who knew such a man with any intimacy, to hear that he will not come back from the Philippines. He was the boy and the man—the boy one comes to love very easily; the man one must admire. He was clear cut in body and mind; one you would turn to look at a second time as you passed him, and a man worth knowing as well as you had the chance. He was clean of life, modest, whole-hearted and warm-hearted. Everything favored him, but nothing spoiled him. He walked the ways of a happy life and freely enjoyed them; but he turned from the path marked out from boyhood, not carelessly, and came out of the valley of decision a man of stuff. He did a private's work well at Niantic, and when he became an officer looked for the hard assignment. Regretfully, so we learn, he took his place in a quiet land. When the unexpected happened, he was more than ready.

One cannot complain, even if he may not be comforted. When the country's hard work is to be done, who but the best should do it? From Miller to Ledyard, Yale's and her country's honor list has now grown long in these last warring years of the century. But so the succession of sacrifice is nobly kept. It began with the Hales and followed with the Winthrop and the Camps. It will not be broken at Yale, while the Republic lives and calls upon the best to serve her in ways where death with honor waits.

One of the best of all the suggestions for the development of Yale's instruction is President Hadley's suggestion

for a Department of Forestry. It is according to the fitness of things, since Yale's Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Graves are in such an unusual position in this work. The President wants \$200,000 for this purpose. That is a good deal of money, but it comes to places like Chicago University and Stanford and California, frequently, and with apparent ease.

THE NEW FOOTBALL CAPTAIN.

It is a very great pleasure to record the election of Mr. Brown as Captain of the Yale Football team of 1900. We refer our readers to his record printed elsewhere. It is safe to say that it would be difficult to make a selection so satisfactory from every standpoint. Mr. Brown worthily succeeds Mr. McBride. That is putting it very strongly, but it seems to us an accurate statement.

President Dwight was particularly successful in keeping up with the demand for opportunities for the investment of capital in the work and equipment of Yale University. He said, "More" in many beautiful and alluring ways and removed by columns of needs any idea of abundance that might have been suggested by treasury statistics. President Hadley is living well up to the good tradition. Read his speech in New York. The most diverse tastes ought to be satisfied. In all seriousness, how splendidly great the opportunities are!

AN IDEAL BIOGRAPHY.

Dr. Munger's Life of Bushnell—A Study of the Man's Power.

Horace Bushnell: Preacher and Theologian, by T. T. Munger. Yale '51. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1899.

In the writing of this book the fitness of things has in no sense been violated. There was only one man to write the biography of Bushnell. Fortunately that man was chosen. While it is not fair to say that Dr. Munger is the product of Bushnell's thought, yet Bushnell's principles have found their fullest expression and most logical fulfillment in Dr. Munger's teachings.

The book is an ideal biography. It is a type of what the biography of to-day must be—a study of the power and influence of a man, rather than a detailed sketch of his life. The details are of value only as they contribute to the explication of his place among the world forces. What we want to-day is to know what the prophet has contributed to the sum of the world's knowledge, what new train of thought he has awakened, what new forces he has set in motion.

Dr. Munger has fulfilled these requirements and revealed Bushnell to us with great force and clearness. He has dwelt upon early environments and youth only in so far as they throw light on the work of the man. He has spent little time on the outward events of his not very eventful life, but has plunged right into an analysis of Bushnell's thought—separating the transient and traditional from the permanent and new. And with what masterly strokes and keen insight this has been accomplished. We had read all Bushnell ever wrote, but we must confess that it is since we read this book that we clearly see for what the great man really stood, how deep was his insight into nature, how he anticipated our present modes and habits of thought.

The biography takes up Bushnell's books, one by one, and shows how the author, breaking away from the method of abstractions, and cutting loose from relentless systems, to which in his day all thought was bound, wrote out of the experience of God in life, and grounded his reasoning on nature and on the laws of God as revealed in humanity. This is the only place where theology can eventually be grounded—for systems and books and texts have their day and pass away—but nature and con-

science are eternal. Thus Dr. Munger shows how Bushnell brings the atonement in under the processes of nature, making it a real, vital thing, a law of life, an eternal process, a foundation principle of nature. The thought of the day made it a unique, isolated act, falling in, not with the order of nature, but with the artificial requirements of a system.

It is easy to see that the act of Bushnell around which Dr. Munger most lovingly lingers, is his great contribution in the series of papers on Christian Nurture. And here, perhaps after all, is the most original contribution of Bushnell to his own age and to time. For the principles set forth underly all our thinking. The book set in motion a movement that is the dominating thought of our day. Like his other works it brought religion into harmony with the laws of the universe—laws of growth, of orderly development, of gradual expansion into larger things. Dr. Munger has here given us an admirable analysis of this book, and has shown us its far-reaching influence and its large import for our day.

Times have changed. The principles Bushnell discerned with his prophetic vision are the accepted and acknowledged foundations of all our thought. Science has corroborated what the seer saw. Men are becoming convinced of the naturalness of religion. We all of us, with Dr. Munger, bow in reverence before the great Yalensian who gave these principles to us to stand on and to use while we look into the heavens for our newer truth. We also extend our gratitude to the eminent Yalensian who has now made these principles to stand clear and luminous before us, in this most excellent book.

T. L.

Yale's Paris Exhibit.

The exhibit which the more important American universities are planning to make at Paris in 1900, will be of a nature somewhat different from that at the World's Fair in 1893 at Chicago. Each university, instead of having a complete exhibit representative of all the work done in that entire institution, as was the case to a large degree at Chicago, will rather devote itself to an exhibit of some special department of its activity. For example, Harvard will exhibit its Astronomical work, Columbia its Pedagogy, the University of Pennsylvania, its Archaeology, and the University of Chicago, its collection of Crystallizable Minerals. Princeton's exhibit will probably consist of the University publications and charts illustrating the history of the organizations of the University, with other things of interest.

As those who are in charge of Yale's exhibit have not deemed it advisable to attempt a general display of all the work done in the University, it was decided to make an exhibit from the Geological Department, because from this branch of work a display could be most easily made and would be probably the most interesting. Yale's exhibit will consist of three parts, the first to be illustrative of the method of installation in the Geological Department of the University Museum, set forth by fifteen photographs, prepared by Professor C. E. Beecher, curator.

The second part of the exhibit will show the restoration of American vertebrate animals; dinosaurs, toothed birds, and mammals, done by the late Professor O. C. Marsh of the University Museum. Photographs illustrating the restoration of dmosaurian reptiles, various toothed birds and extinct animals, the original specimens of which are in the Yale museum.

The third and last part of the exhibit will consist of examples of models used for instruction in Geology in the Sheffield School of Yale, as prepared by Professor C. E. Beecher.

The Need of Guam.

He (Commander Leary) needs footballs too, though he doesn't say so. No slothful people can be trained to strenuousness without footballs and a band to play "A Hot Time in the Old Town."—E. S. Martin in *Harper's Weekly*.

A banquet in honor of the Princeton Football team will be given at the Princeton Inn, Friday evening, December 15.

President Hadley addressed a large audience of teachers and professors and business men of Hartford last week on the subject of education in its relation to business responsibilities.

President Schurman of Cornell has announced that Rear-Admiral Sampson will deliver the Founder's Day address at Cornell, January 11, 1900, on "The Navy." This will be the fourth Founder's Day address in the series of professions or occupations in life, planned by President Schurman. The three former addresses were: "Journalism," by Charles A. Dana; "Business," by Andrew Carnegie; and "The Ministry," by Lyman Abbott.

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