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THE DUTY OF THE STUDENT MAJORITY IN YALE LIFE.

Man-making is still to be the principal work of Yale. That is assured, in plain words and with emphasis, by the President. They are most pleasant words and we venture to say that no stand taken by the new leader of the University will have such general and strong endorsement as that determination to keep the character side of education foremost, and to preserve those elements which make the Yale character education particularly successful.

It seems reasonable to say that the government of Yale is therefore strongly on the right side and may be counted upon. Now how about those who are technically the governed, but who really are the principal law givers and law enforcers in the matters of college life, which make for the development of character? We refer to the undergraduates. The question of the day is, "How are they going to take up this work themselves?"

If one hasn't thought very much about it, this issue may seem a little hard to understand. Let us not waste words in introduction but simply say that, in our opinion, the great majority of Yale students, who are acknowledged to be men of the best lives, following out the principles of Christian gentlemen, are weak in resisting the attacks from time to time made by a small and unscrupulous minority upon the good name and upon the good life itself of the place. It has been our custom to say that every man must work out his own salvation and must not be too much aided by others in this work. It is his business and the college is no kindergarten. If he likes to range, he himself will suffer the worst consequences, and if he wants to do things which are not consistent with the character and life of a gentleman, no amount of restriction will ultimately keep him from it. He will run on the rocks and get his experience sooner or later and may or may not save himself. Nobody else can save him.

We are not discussing this philosophy of the individual in college. The point is that it is not exclusively his business whether a man does or does not act decently as a member of the University. It is the concern of all Yale. If this be not true, the science and senti-

ment of our community life fall to the ground. If Yale's work on the football field or on the river or on the platform is everybody's business; if unwillingness to do one's share, by participation or by encouragement or by the right attitude of mind and spirit, is reprehensible, as it has always been a glorious custom here to consider it; then the attitude and the life and the special acts of every individual in this community towards morals and manliness, are the concern of the whole community.

It seems to us that this is the most important thing for the Yale undergraduates, who control the life of the place, to bear in mind; and if they once appreciate its significance, we venture to say that there will be a much more strenuous and uncompromising attitude towards acts which not only lower the individual but lower the College, both in reputation and in actual life. The majority have been at least altogether too considerate on these matters. We believe it is not too strong a word to say that they have been, in fact, very cowardly,—not consciously so, perhaps, but because they have not appreciated what they have been doing.

It is not necessary to go into details. We are not hinting darkly at any great scandal. Things are done every now and then by a small minority, each one of whose members claims all the rights and privileges of a Yale man under all circumstances, which drag the name of Yale in very dark mud. Should they be tamely submitted to?

It is not enough to say that Yale is the easiest place to lead a decent life in, that you can well find. That is true, but not sufficient. We are not talking about individuals, but about the interests of Yale. The College must purge itself. The students of Yale can do the work with ease and thoroughness, and without five minutes being taken up in a Faculty meeting on any of these issues.

THE MOURNFUL RECORD OF CHESS

The chess record of Yale is most mournful. It was not a particularly pleasant task for the WEEKLY to print the figures last week, but those are the facts and the table which records them ought to be conspicuously displayed about the University and pasted on the cover of the desk of every chess player at Yale. Yale would better give up the game if she can't do better at it. This criticism does not fall upon those who have gone into it, but upon those who have not gone into it, who were competent, and on all who have failed to give such financial support as they might to the Club. This is recognized as the great intellectual game and here is Yale blundering along in the distant rear year after year. The plucky work and the fine achievement of such a man as Cook occasionally relieve the situation, but the rest of it looks all the darker by contrast. We understand that there is some restriction by law upon the amount of contribution that can be solicited by such an organization as this club. We suggest that the limit be raised or that some contributions to other purposes be forbidden altogether. The men who are interested in this ought to get together, canvass the situation and then make statements to the College.

Notice to Graduate Students.

Those intending to take the course in Prehistoric Anthropology are requested to see Mr. MacCurdy at 9 Peabody Museum as soon as possible. The first part of the course will be devoted to lectures and laboratory work in Physical Anthropology.

PRESIDENT AT CLEVELAND.

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ANOTHER DORMITORY.

We have White and Berkeley, and I suppose next year we shall build the Fayerweather.

SOCIETY HOUSES AS COLLEGE BUILDINGS.

On the block next above, which was the only one mainly contemplated, we have a plan made out for the formation of a university quadrangle with buildings above. I should say this contemplates the acquisition of all but two corners, which are held at present by secret societies. I think we might do well to treat society houses of various kinds as college buildings and put our college buildings in between them. We can do this relatively easier if we work for interior quadrangles than for extra street effects. If you are working for extra street effects the corner is the most important, but if you are working for interior quadrangle effects the corner is of least importance. Now if you think of the various society buildings, practically all the buildings which should come in question, including those far to the north and to the east also, are on corner lots.

Now with reference to these university buildings, it is contemplated that we should sooner or later put an auditorium here, a memorial vestibule corner here, a dining hall here, and other university buildings here. I have not time to go into that project now; there are obstacles and difficulties connected with it.

A UNIVERSITY CLUB.

It is in the minds of the people of New Haven that we should establish a university club. There is already an organization that has that name, but it is desired to establish what shall be a real university club, with reading room, a place for athletic organizations, and all that could be done for the students of the various departments—a thing which the present club cannot be, an essentially democratic gathering place. Such a building would be appropriate.

Now how much we can do or carry out of these plans depends upon the money we have in hand. We have already, as you probably have seen from the newspapers, through the generosity of the Misses Stokes, of New York City, received money for the administration building which will extend clear up to one side of the Wall street entrance of the university quadrangle.

THE AUDITORIUM.

The auditorium which stands here on the plan, at this side, is intended to seat three thousand persons, and has two galleries besides the floor. The floor is level, the stage being sufficiently elevated so that people on the stage can be seen from all parts of the floor. Seats on the floor are movable, so that they can be used according to the tastes of the individual either for comfort or for examination. It will give what you have need for at present, a sufficiently large hall for university purposes. At present we have no place larger than Battell Chapel, which seats hardly 1200, and our large university gatherings are so overcrowded that a great many people are kept out. This new building is to be made large enough for the present needs of the University—as large as the human voice can fill. If the University grows too large for that it will be the fault of the human voice and not ours.

THE VESTIBULE.

At the corner there will be a vestibule with stairs at either end, stairs so arranged that there will be passage on a level from the first gallery of the auditorium to the first gallery of the dining hall.

THE DINING ROOM.

The dining room as planned is a room about 60 feet in width by 220 feet in length. That, if we can carry it out, is a good deal larger than Harvard Memorial Hall and should fulfill the necessities of a university of 4,000 students. Anything smaller than that would be short-sighted policy to try to build at all. We must do one of two

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THE FOOL AND HIS MONEY.

Many opportunities are offered for the separation of the fool and his money by mushroom benefit orders and similar weak organizations. People are captivated by the alluring prospects of speedy fortune held out by the promoters of these schemes, based on apparently flawless mathematical calculations.

The final outcome of a life insurance policy is a great deal more important to the beneficiary than a few dollars seemingly saved in an annual premium. Thousands of dollars lost by bad management of a company, cannot be compensated for by the reflection that the so-called insurance was cheap. A premium paid to an insecure organization is the purchase money of disappointment and bitter regret. It is even more; it turns blessings into curses and possible competence to absolute poverty.

When you apply for insurance, seek to know if the company is likely to survive you or you will survive it.

Paying for a thing you cannot get after you have paid for it over a series of years, is to live in a fool's paradise of fancied security, only to end in disappointed expectations.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is that one cannot be certain that he will be insurable in a good company when the inevitable final catastrophe comes to the "cheap" concern. Be not deluded by the specious talk about the "good" accomplished by these "concerns," but look into them. Too much care cannot be exercised in making your choice of the company which is to be the custodian of the money which you desire to provide for your family, and having once made it, do not be persuaded to change it for something apparently cheaper, and certainly insecure.

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