

DIVINITY SCHOOL PRIZES.

Modification of Rules for the Pecuniary Assistance of Students.

A change in some particulars, to take effect in the ensuing year, is to be made in the provisions for the aid of members of Yale Divinity School through the scholarships and prizes which are a part of the endowment of the institution. The new arrangement, as concerns members of the three classes, is substantially explained in the following statement:

"A large number of students preparing for the ministry, in consequence of their limited means, need pecuniary aid. In this class are many college graduates who have made their way through the preparatory school and the college, largely by their own exertions. It is expected, however, that theological students will depend as far as possible for their support, upon their parents and friends and upon their own personal efforts for self-support. At the same time, where labor for self-support endangers health or distracts attention, to the detriment of progress in study, students are advised to apply for aid from the funds which have been contributed by benefactors to the Divinity School for this purpose.

"In general it may be said that the aid auxiliary to reasonable efforts on his own part which is provided for every young man in the Divinity School, of any evangelical denomination, who gives promise of usefulness in the ministry, is sufficient to enable him to prosecute to the end a course of theological study.

"The sources of pecuniary aid for students are the following:

SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNDER-GRADUATE CLASSES.

"Students of the Junior, Middle, or Senior classes, whose circumstances require it, who maintain a creditable standing in the studies of the course and commend themselves in other respects to the approval of the Faculty, receive one hundred dollars a year in semi-

annual payments (in December and May), from the income of these scholarships. Blanks stating the testimonials required in the first instance may be obtained by applicants from the Secretary of the Faculty.

"But to those to whom this appropriation is made the Faculty proposes to assign some remunerative service—consulting, as far as may be, their preference as to its special form—in connection with city missions in New Haven, in religious instruction and pastoral visits in the hospitals of the city, in teaching in Bible classes in the churches, in rendering assistance in the Reference Library, and in other employments suitable to theological students and helpful in their training for the ministry.

"The appropriation will thus be a proper equivalent for service rendered. Care will be taken to prevent work of this nature from interfering with the time demanded for study and needful recreation.

"Should there be, in the judgment of the Faculty, on the part of any, a deterioration in scholarship or in other qualities conducive to success in the calling of a minister, the appropriations referred to may be discontinued at the end of any half-year.

"Meritorious students who need pecuniary aid, but are deterred for good reasons from making return through services of the kind referred to, may receive it, if they prefer to do so, in the form of a loan for a term of years at a nominal rate of interest, and payable in installments. In cases of unusual hardship or scanty support subsequently in the work of the ministry, or for other reasons of equal weight, the obligation may be cancelled by vote of the Faculty.

PRIZE SCHOLARSHIPS.

"A limited number of prize scholarships of one hundred dollars and fifty dollars each, the former known as the Fogg and the latter as the Allis Scholarships, are awarded on the basis of high scholarship, in semi-annual installments, to members of the several classes. Candidates for the Fogg Prize Scholarships of the Junior year are required to pass an examination in Greek, Phil-

osophy, and English Literature (in addition Hebrew, History, Philosophy and Economics may also be offered), on entering the Divinity School (or as otherwise may be arranged with the Secretary of the Faculty). The first half of the Fogg Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of this examination. Testimonials and other evidence of previous scholarship will have weight in determining the award. The grade of scholarship required is that of the Phi Beta Kappa or Philosophical Oration at Yale, which is attained by from eight to ten per cent. of the graduates. The maintenance of the same grade is necessary in order to retain these scholarships during the remainder of the course. A corresponding entrance examination in theological studies equivalent to those of the first or second year is required of candidates for these scholarships who enter the Senior or Middle class as new students.

"The Allis Scholarships of fifty dollars each stand in the relation of second prizes to the Fogg Scholarships, but may be awarded at the end of each half-year without entrance examination.

"Young men of superior ability and attainments, whose circumstances require it, may thus, through the general and prize scholarships, receive two hundred dollars a year throughout their Seminary course.

"Honorary rank is in all cases given to students who are equal in merit to the holders of the Fogg and Allis Scholarships, but whose circumstances are such that they do not require pecuniary assistance.

"The Downes Prize, founded in 1896 by William E. Downes, Esq., of New Haven, will be awarded to the students of the Senior and Middle Classes who shall attain to the highest proficiency in the public reading of the Scriptures and of Hymns. A first prize of fifty dollars and a second prize of forty dollars will be assigned by a committee appointed by the Faculty to the two successful competitors in each of these classes."

The Yale Dormitories.

Since the recent fire in North College the Yale News has raised again the

danger signal concerning the Yale dormitories, which are without fire escapes and otherwise in many cases in bad form, as regards fire. The Hartford *Courant* thinks the Yale News is just right and thus comments:

"Old North College at Yale was found to be on fire, early Saturday morning. As usual the pajama brigade turned out promptly and did yeoman service. Perhaps the fire was blown out with tin horns. Certainly it was done for. All now is quiet, and nobody is calling for the fire department; but Yale has had another warning. The fact that she has had lots of such warnings in the past hundred years and more, and has got along without attending to any of them, may prevent the new one counting for anything more than its predecessors. But it is true that fire in certain of the Yale dormitories might result in loss of life by reason of the neglect of certain precautions which would, if adopted, practically remove the danger. If there are any fire escapes on the dormitories, the *Courant* has failed to find them, and it is mistaken if there are not numerous sections of large buildings entirely cut off from the adjoining sections of the same buildings, so that, in case of fire in one entry penning students up there, they could not make their way through into the next entry and so descend in safety. If this is not a present condition of things, the *Courant* would be glad to announce the change and welcome the improvement."

Journal of Science Contents.

The contents of the *American Journal of Science* for January are as follows: Products of the Explosion of Acetylene; by W. G. Mixer; Glaciation of Central Idaho, by G. H. Stone; Pogonia Ophioglossoides, by T. Holm; Graftonite, a new Mineral from Grafton, New Hampshire, and its Intergrowth with Triphylite, by S. L. Penfield; Explorations of the "Albatross" in the Pacific Ocean, by A. Agassiz; Analyses of Italian Volcanic Rocks, II, by H. S. Washington; Constitution of the Ammonium Magnesium Arseniate of Analysis, by M. Austin.

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