

**Gilman's Life of Dana.**

The Life of James Dwight Dana (Yale '33), Scientific Explorer, Mineralogist, Geologist, Zoölogist, Professor in Yale University. By Daniel C. Gilman (Yale '52), President of the Johns Hopkins University. Published by Harper & Bros.

President Gilman has produced an admirable sketch of one of Yale's most distinguished alumni, in "The Life of James Dwight Dana, Scientific Explorer, Mineralogist, Geologist, Zoölogist, Professor in Yale University." As the title shows, it is written in a thoroughly Yale spirit, by emphasizing not the honors which he gained, but the services he rendered to Science and the University and to all those whom he touched in his busy life. James Dwight Dana graduated in the Class of 1833, and at once combined teaching with investigation by taking the position of school-master on board the United States Ship "Delaware," which cruised into and about the Mediterranean Sea, returning in 1834. Again in the years 1838 to 1842 he was one of the Scientific corps of the Wilkes Exploring Expedition, which took him to various points in South America, the Antarctic regions and the isles of the Pacific, and the then little known western part of America, thus opening the whole world to his knowledge. He reduced the heterogeneous facts of Mineralogy and Geology to the form of systematic branches of Science. And in the groups of crustacea and corals, he performed a similar service for the science of Zoölogy. He took up the Academic cloak of Silliman and for some thirty years was leader of Scientific instruction at Yale. He died in his eighty-third year, a remarkable example of a man full of energy, of knowledge, of service and of love to his fellow men, of whom all Yale men may be well proud. This book is so entertainingly written that all Yale alumni, whether especially interested in science or not, may read it with pleasure and learn from it of the man who did so much to make Yale great.

**YALE."**

The following lines were read in response to a toast at the Indiana Alumni Association banquet, reported on page 180 of this paper:

Once more we meet to toast the dear old college,  
And bless the fate that made us sons of Yale!  
Not that she burdened us with wealth of knowledge—  
For that, we read, before true love shall pale!  
But we adore her for the inspiration  
To high endeavor, work, contempt for gain  
Won by foul barter of the soul's salvation,  
For triumphs only bought with honor's stain!

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For what is failure? Not to lose the guerdon  
Bestowed on those who win the world's acclaim,  
But rather this—to balk at life's great burden!  
Defeat is naught, but not to fight's the shame!  
We love, ah do we not, with love most tender  
The 'leven that fails to gain the longed-for prize?  
We know full well the guard will not surrender,  
And so we cheer it as it proudly dies!

But life means conquest, so our Mother teaches!  
We must crave victory in every fight;  
False to her doctrine is that son who preaches  
The beaten side is always in the right!  
To win, ah yes, this is the hero's duty!  
Let us not scorn success, nor meekly yield;  
Fighting for truth, and not for worldly booty,  
We must prevail or die upon the field.

But what of Yale? Not for her wealth we love her,  
But for her faith, her truth, her courage high!  
What shall we hold in our heart's depths above her  
For whom her humblest son would proudly die?  
Ah, this the spirit that shall save this nation—  
Devoted, quiet work for God and man!  
May our blind souls feel her illumination,  
And face their tasks as only Yale men can!

And now we'll drink to Yale and sing her praises,  
For lose or win, to her it's all the same!  
For no one on her banner blue e'er gazes  
Who does not know the thing's to play the game!  
That banner blue, may it e'er float before us,  
Symbol of light, and dyed with heaven's hues!  
With that dear emblem ever waving o'er us,  
What other leadership would brave men choose?

—Louis Howland.

During the past few weeks an institution, similar in general character and purpose to the Yale Mission, has been started at Princeton with an endowment of \$1,000. Professor W. A. Wyckoff of that University, author of "The Workers," will have charge of the Mission.

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**YALE NOTICES.**

[Class and Association Secretaries are invited to contribute to this column.]

**Essex County Dinner.**

The annual dinner of the Yale Alumni Association of Essex County, New Jersey, will be held at Upper Music Hall, Orange, N. J., on Thursday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock. President Hadley is expected to be present and it is hoped that all Yale men in New Jersey will make a special effort to attend the dinner.

Hon. William N. Runyon, Yale '92, will be present as the representative of the Yale Alumni Association of Plainfield, N. J.

**The Philadelphia Banquet.**

The annual banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Philadelphia will be held at the Hotel Bellevue on Friday, February 9, at 6.30 P. M. President Hadley and a number of prominent Yale graduates will be present.

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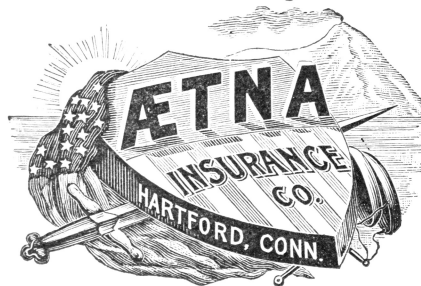
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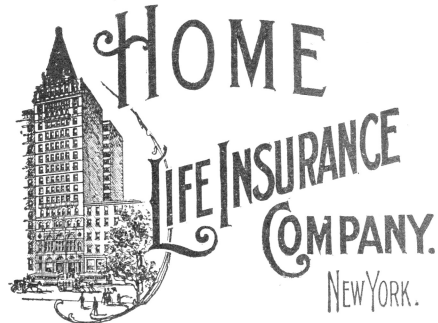
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