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As to South Middle.

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir: What you say about South Middle expresses my sentimental feeling toward North. I never visit the College grounds without going into the familiar old entry, up one flight, and looking at the number on the door. I don't believe I ever miss doing so. I know perhaps a dozen men who have the same feeling toward that College. They were men of my day. I presume they represent hundreds, of other years, who have the same feeling, and yet I never hear any pleas for the preservation of North. South Middle by itself would have no significance to me, nor to these others, nor to the other hundreds who lived in South and North Middle. All these would have been gratified by the preservation of the whole row, but the saving of South Middle alone must seem to them like invidious discrimination. South Middle's claim may consist of superior age (I am not sure, for the moment), but the difference cannot be very material. The claims for South Middle seem to me based chiefly on the fact that its former occupants are men who do not hesitate to express their feelings, and in their expression reveal their selfishness. '77.

President Hadley as a Poet.

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir: Few, even among the best informed of Yale's numerous children, are, I believe, aware of the fact that, in addition to his other claims for appreciation, President Hadley is entitled to a place in the ranks of those who occasionally woo the Muse. It is probably due to his intense modesty that this has not been discovered; and, so far as he himself is concerned, it is possible it might never be. But a just regard for the importance of detail does, I feel, call for an exposition of this indubitably truthful statement, and I therefore send a copy of one of his poems. This spontaneous effusion, like the poems of Silas Wegg, was of suggestive origin, and was composed sometime during the Junior year of his course in college, when, as a member of the Class of 1876, he was suffering with certain others, many of whom still survive, under "Zoolog-al" treatment at the hands of Professor Wright. The lines, as taken down by me at the time, read as follows:

"I was a Rhizopod,
With Protoplasmic cells,
I had a little Nucleus,
But I had nothing else."

Critical readers of these lines will readily perceive in them the same tendency to get right down to bottom facts that has since marked President Hadley's work in other fields not closely allied with poetry. I am not aware that he has ever copyrighted the poem, so it is probably safe to publish it without assignment. There is a good deal more

in your President than many of you younger Yale men have yet found out.

Yours cordially,

FREDERIC W. PANGBORN,
Yale '76.

Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 26, 1900.

CURRENT YALE LITERATURE.

The *Yale Review* for February comments editorially on "The Question of Porto Rico" and also on the subject of "Scientific Socialism." The body articles are: "Influence of the Trust in the Development of Undertaking Genius," by Sidney Sherwood; "Recent Works on Russian Economic Conditions," by Vladimir Gr. Simkhovitch; "The Fourteenth Amendment in the Light of Recent Decisions," by Max West; "Rural Sanitation in England," by William H. Allen, and "Experience of the Dutch with Tropical Labor, I. The Culture System," by Clive Day. The *Review* is publishing a series of articles on Colonial questions. Mr. Day's article is the third which has already appeared.

The cover design for the novel "Boys and Men" is the work of Mr. G. Albert Thompson, a portrait painter of New Haven, Conn. Mr. Thompson's design is based on the well known portrait of Gov. Yale, made by a Dutch artist named Seeman in 1717. Those who saw Mr. Thompson's work before it was accepted by the Scribners, said he has accomplished a difficult task with great skill.

Professor J. M. Hoppin is at work on a book relating to the history of Italian Painting.

SCHOOL NEWS.

CUTLER.

At a recent meeting of the Class of 1900 Cutler, the following officers were elected: President, Edward R. Buck; Secretary, Henry B. Hollins; Treasurer, George Vieter.

The Cutler Hockey team won its first championship game on January 24th, against the Columbia Grammar seven, at St. Nicholas Rink, by the score of 2 to 0.

February 10 the team was defeated by the seven of Berkeley School in the decisive game of the Interscholastic championship series, by the score of 2 to 1. The defeat was largely due to the fact that T. L. Manson, who filled the position of goal on the Cutler team during the early part of the season, was unable to play. The team lined-up as follows:

Goal, Artemas Holmes; point, Edward R. Buck; cover, William H. Gelshehen (Capt.); left-center, Chas. C. Warren; right-center, Paulding Fossdick; left-end, Albert J. Akin, 3d.; right-end, Spencer M. Maben.

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