

Yale's Overshadowing Need.

[New Haven Register.]

There is no secret of the fact that the great need to-day of Yale is money. There is no more expensive thing imaginable than higher education, and it can exist only where a liberal endowment is joined to the willing self-sacrifice which culture demands. It not only amazes one, but it frightens one when it is recalled what vast sums of money are being given every year to institutions of learning which a few years ago were unheard of. The University of Chicago has literally sprung from the dust like a fairy. Millions roll into her coffers as thousands do into the coffers of Yale. Harvard has already secured an endowment, which guarantees her against loss from competition. Columbia is still in need of funds, but it can not be questioned that the citizens of New York will at the proper time give her all she requires. The graduates of Princeton and of Cornell are seeking to make those institutions strong enough to withstand the increasing influence of the new colleges. It almost seems, as one runs over the list of bequests for the last few years to all institutions of learning, as if Yale had been positively neglected. The Dwight administration was more successful than any that preceded it in adding to the equipment of the old college, but even so, there was no such exhibition of generosity on the part of Yale men, to whom the University has the right to turn, as there was on the part of men accredited to other institutions. Dr. Hadley must have these men well in mind when he states that he expects \$2,000,000 to be the fund raised by graduates, \$1,500,000 more than has thus far been raised after persistent effort.

It should be clear to the commonest mind that if Yale fails to obtain the endowment she needs to more and more broaden her scope and add to her facilities, and to retain and acquire the services of the most eminent instructors and original students, she must give up her present eminence and content herself with an inferior position. Unless she can offer, in these very particulars, inducements which the newer Universities can not offer with twice the endowments, the popular support must go more and more to other neighborhoods. Yale and Harvard have over all other institutions the natural advantage of prestige and tradition, but under modern conditions these count for less and less unless the power to add each year to their practical achievements is liberally supplied. This is not a pessimistic view of Yale's present condition and future prospects. We believe it to be the very basis of the remarkable trip taken by her young and progressive President. Harvard, as we have already said, is safe, but what a blow it would be to Connecticut and New Haven to have her known as the single first-class university in New England. We do not say that this is probable, because we have great and growing faith in the outcome of Dr. Hadley's trip, but we do say it is possible. Every dollar added to the treasury of the Chicago University and every dollar withheld from the treasury of Yale University weakens the latter in a section of the country where she is strong and where she ought to grow stronger. It is not a question of fearing the dollar that goes to Chicago, but dreading the failure of the dollar to reach New Haven. We do not presume to advise the very wise and able administration of Yale, but we can at least state, as a matter of fact, that it is a conviction among many well informed Yale men, that the

actual condition of the University should be stated in such unequivocal terms that those within whose easy ability it lies to put Yale forever beyond danger of being passed in the race for preeminence, may be stirred to make the necessary gift.

Eighteen Yale Representatives.

Since the publication of the list of Yale men in the Fifty-fourth Congress in a recent number of the ALUMNI WEEKLY, it has been pointed out that two important names were omitted from that list, those of John Kean, ex-'76, who was elected to the Senate from New Jersey, January 24, 1899, and James W. Wadsworth, of Geneseo, N. Y., who was elected to the House of Representatives last Fall.

This gives Yale eighteen men in the two houses, six in the Senate and twelve in the House, a total of three more than Harvard, her nearest rival.

John Kean, who was elected to the Senate from New Jersey, Jan. 24, 1898, was born at Ursino, Union County, N. J., Dec. 4, 1852. He came to Yale, but at the end of Sophomore year decided to study law, and, leaving Yale, he entered the Columbia Law School, graduating in 1877. Two years later he was admitted to the New Jersey bar, but on account of the pressure of business affairs he never practiced. He was director of the State National Bank in 1877, and later Vice-President and President. Among many important business connections he was made First Vice-President of the Manhattan Trust Co. of New York, in 1893. Yale gave him the degree of M.A. in 1890. He was elected to the 48th and 50th Congresses and in 1892 was chairman of the Republican State Committee of New Jersey.

James W. Wadsworth, to whom Yale gave the degree of M.A. in 1898, was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 12, 1846. He prepared for Yale and entered the Sheffield Scientific School in a special course, but after a short time there he left and went into the army, serving on the staff of General Warren until the Civil War ended. He was elected supervisor of the town of Geneseo during 1875, 1876 and 1877, and was a member of the State Assembly in 1878 and 1879. In 1880 and 1881 he was comptroller of the State of New York. He has been elected to the 47th, 48th, 52d, 53d and the present Congress as a Republican.

A proposition has been made at Harvard to enclose the college yard with a memorial fence, sections of which are to be contributed by the various college classes. The Bulletin reports that much interest is shown, by the inquiries from the class secretaries.

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