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Persons desiring to insert notices in or send information to the WEEKLY, are reminded that it is desirable to have all such matter in the office as far in advance of the day of publication as possible. Most of such material should reach the WEEKLY office by Friday. While some matter can be handled on Monday, it is much better to have it earlier.

THE NEWS.

The intelligent conduct of the Yale *News* is a source of concern to every good Yale man. It is a pleasure to print a brief review, prepared at our request by Mr. Adams, the retiring Chairman of the *News* board, which shows that further improvements have been made in the method of the conduct of the paper. A more intelligent system of competition has been prepared, and more responsibility and more work has been placed on the editors. In no direction could improvements be more welcome. The competition for the Yale *News* has always been on an exceedingly fair basis and its tests have been thoroughly journalistic. The speaker from the Harvard *Crimson* at the *News* banquet, called attention to what he believed to be the superiority of the Yale system in this respect. At the same time, it has been a most burdensome task for the competitors, full of work which did no good in itself, and which simply made additional labor for the editors and increased the chances for error. Its demand on the time of the competitor was enormous. Men went to the Infirmary or home, or were dropped from their class under its strain. Many men of distinct ability in college newspaper work were debarred, because they knew it was not worth the while to pay such an enormous price. Anything which makes the amount of work reasonable, raises the quality of the work, and invites the men who wish to make the most in every way of their college course to the competition, is much to be welcomed.

On the other side, namely, that of the work of the editors, the improvement is quite as welcome. The standard of the *News* editorial board in point of brains and character has always been good. Their names, however, in the

past, have often been at the head of a paper, whose contents, outside, perhaps, of the editorial page, carried with them no compliment to any member of the editorial board. Mistakes were reproduced from the newspapers in a late attempt to catch up with the procession of news. Matters of great interest were passed by altogether, because the contributors didn't happen to put them in. College events of great importance were covered in the most indifferent manner when experts were on the staff, who might have produced the most interesting articles.

We commend most sincerely the improvements that have been made and we hope the future has a great deal more in store in this line. We look forward to the time when the Yale *News* can be made up practically entirely by its editors, who will consider work upon it as involving just as much responsibility to the college and as performed quite as clearly in the college eye as the work on any athletic organization which wears the colors of Yale. We look for the time when actual experience on the paper is a great education for those who are fortunate enough to make the Board. We look forward to the time when the editors in council or through their chief, shall hold themselves as spokesmen and guides of college policy in all branches of college life.

YALE ARCHITECTURE.

Elsewhere in this issue is printed a sharp criticism of the new building plans of Yale. We believe in giving free range to a discussion of this nature, for there is no danger that it will result disadvantageously to the University. Unlike the discussion of Sophomore Societies, the arguments will not develop prejudices and partisan feelings, but will help to make the matter better understood, and to bring the object and method of the University more directly to all Yale men. Such a matter of University policy as the plan and style of these buildings should stand freest discussion. We do not mean that we would print everything that was offered on them, by any means. Limitation of space and proper regard for our readers, would force us to decline many contributions.

It was last Spring that the Committee on Bi-centennial Building plans, with the full approval of the Corporation, invited a competition of some of the leading architects of the country. Among the architects thus invited were those who have done the most work and best work for the University in the past. The Committee made choice of architects on the basis of this competition. They made the choice which they did, not because of the style, but because of the simplicity of the plans and their adaptation to existing needs. It is, we believe, no violation of confidence to say that the plans of those architects who have done the best work for the University in the past were in the same style as the design actually chosen.

Over the outcome of such a competition, there is always pleasure in some quarters and disappointment in others. Expression of pleasure over the selection of Messrs. Carrère & Hastings as architects, which involves the choice of classical forms, since these men use nothing else in their building, have been widespread. It is further considered a reasonable cause for further gratification on the part of the authorities, that those who know most about the construction of large buildings under modern conditions, are warmest in their praise and their congratulations.

In his speech at the Orange Alumni Banquet, part of which is quoted in this issue of the paper, President Hadley called attention to one move forward in the way of bringing together different departments of the University. If we are not mistaken, it is the first evidence of the development under the new regime which has yet been offered. It is the Theological Department, reputed to be, as President Hadley said, the most conservative of all, that has arranged a course of study "which holds forth as one of the advantages to the Yale Divinity students, the opportunity of studying Anthropology and the Science of Society with Professor Sumner." The President also referred to the new department which is in process of preparation—that of Forestry,—which he said is to "utilize not merely the technical instruction which some of our Yale graduates have so well qualified themselves to give, but the resources of the University in the teaching of physical geography and geology and economics, and the various allied sciences which go to make up the work of successful forest demonstration."

Elsewhere is printed an announcement of the forthcoming banquet of the Andover alumni. The list of speakers is certainly a remarkable tribute to the character of the students and alumni of the school.

CURRENT YALE LITERATURE.

Collier's Weekly announced an especially interesting innovation in the department conducted by Mr. Walter Camp, Yale '80, under the head of "Sport, Travel and Adventure." A series of articles, copiously illustrated, descriptive of strange and original experiences in hunting, exploration and travel, at home and abroad, will be published during the Spring and Summer.

An edition of Thackeray's "English Humorists," by William Lyon Phelps, Assistant Professor of English Literature at Yale, will soon appear from the press of Henry Holt & Co. It will have an extensive introduction with fuller notes than have ever been published. The work is intended for both the general reader and for use in the classroom.

President Hadley at Orange.

The following is from the address of President Hadley at the Essex County Alumni Association banquet at Orange, N. J., Friday, March 12:

President Hadley said in part:

"This is by no means the first time that it has been my privilege to visit the Orange alumni, and I hope it will be by no means the last. The loyalty of the various alumni associations in New Jersey to their alma mater has become proverbial. In that State, which Judge Howland describes, with that felicity of Scriptural language acquired from long association with clerical members of the Corporation as "the land beyond the Jordan, wherein dwell the Hittites, the Moabites and the Mosquitobites," Yale men and Yale interests are always sure of finding a strong welcome."

"An alumni association, properly understood, is not merely a means for having a dinner once a year, though it may sometimes degenerate into this. It is a means of keeping alive the spirit which has formed so valuable a part of our education in college life, and of manifesting it to the world for what it is. I believe that in the future, as we have time to develop new methods of organization, alumni associations will count for more than they do to-day; that they will not be mere meeting places to eat and drink and listen to speeches, but that they will be centers of influence which take charge of the interests of Yale in different parts of the country, by conducting entrance examinations, by giving information to

THE QUESTION OF VALUE.

When a man selects an article of wearing apparel from a number costing two or more prices and of different qualities, he selects the best; and in this his judgment is good because he takes a long look ahead and the question of future value and durability is foremost in his mind.

If this simple principle should be followed out when many of our business men seek to invest their money, there would be certain prosperity and few if any disappointments. Present value and future durability are the things to be first considered in nearly every business transaction, whether the articles purchased are to be worn or kept in a safe.

Many men invest their incomes in mines, some in lumber lands, some in orange groves, some purchase stock in industrial enterprises or become silent partners in business firms, and some invest in ships that battle with the elements at sea, while others have faith in promising corner lots; but all make their ventures with an abundance of hope. Some of these are successful, but failures oft outnumber successes and the words of the sacred proverb—"hope deferred maketh the heart sick," are again proved true.

A financial institution of the magnitude of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, that has been able to withstand the pressure of many financial crises and panics; a company that has been "tried in the fire," provides the best means for the safe investment of one's money. Such a choice will, in the long run, far excel the most promising speculative business enterprise. The mine may fail to yield its paying ores; the crop may prove short and disastrous; the corner lot may eat itself up in interest and taxes, or the sea may swallow up the vessel; but the policy will endure and produce value for the investor. See to it that you become a member of this great institution.

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intending students, and by furnishing a means, in a variety of ways, of interchange of ideas between the university which they represent and the wider public with which they come in contact. No small amount of the recent success of Princeton has been due to the energy and efficiency with which her associations have been managed as serious parts of the college organism; and whatever Princeton men can do, Yale men should be able to do in at least equal measure.

ALUMNI AND ATHLETICS.

"When we grasp this idea of the character of the alumni as not only an integral part of university life, but as the great body in which that life is exemplified, a great many things which otherwise seem wrong fall into their right places. Take the matter of intercollegiate athletics. If we consider these things from the standpoint of the student only, they represent in many cases a great waste of time, strength and money, and their effect in stimulating physical development throughout the student body, while doubtless beneficial, sometimes seems to cold-blooded critics hardly to warrant this expense. But when we regard them as a center about which college sentiment and college enthusiasm cluster themselves, we begin to see something which is perhaps their highest function, and which gives them a beneficial character which the critic hardly realizes. The game or race which brings together the graduate of fifty years standing and the young boy who is just preparing for college, gives to that union between past and present which a university symbolizes not only a visible and tangible means of expression, but an intense enjoyment—irrationally intense, if you will—that keeps it alive and makes it grow and enables it to be used for other purposes of character building remote from the game itself. And just because of this widespread moral influence the problem of straight and honorable athletics has