

## ALUMNI BANQUETS.

**Dr. Depew Presides at Washington—  
President Hadley at Buffalo.**

The annual banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Washington was held Friday evening, March 9, in the new hall of the Raleigh Hotel. Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, President of the Association, presided, and introduced the chief guest of the evening, President Arthur T. Hadley, to the alumni. President Hadley spoke at length of the plans of Yale for the new buildings, of athletics and of the modern conception of a collegiate education. At the close of his address the President was enthusiastically cheered.

The banquet seemed, as remarked by one of those present, a good deal like a celebration of the Class of Fifty-Six, for there were speeches by Justices Brewer and Brown and Senator Depew, and a claim was put forth by the latter that President Hadley himself was a member of that Class, being born the year they were Seniors.

The other invited guest, Professor Moses of the University of California, just appointed as the last member of the Philippine Commission, of which Judge Taft, Yale '78, was the first member, made a claim to be a grandchild of Yale since the present University of California was begun by a sturdy Yale graduate in the early years of the State.

Senator Hawley and Ellis H. Roberts, Class of Fifty, spoke eloquently, and Justice Hagner, President of the Alumni Association of Princeton, spoke gracefully and cordially for that friendly rival of the older New England Universities. The old songs were sung admirably. The hall, the finest for such occasions in the city, with the profusion of floral decoration, made a spectacle of unusual beauty.

The Yale men present were: Chas. B. Ball, '80 S.; G. W. Baird, '63; A. G. Bentley, '96; Hon. D. J. Brewer, '56; Hon. Henry B. Brown, '56; W. T. Burns, '87; E. W. Cady, '72; Mun Yeu Chung, '84; Edwards Clark, '56; Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, '56; Rev. John L. Ewell, '65; Maj. G. E. Bushnell, '76; E. M. Gallaudet, '95 Hon.; Henry S. Graves, '92; M. A. Guinnip, '84 S.; Cyrus L. Hall, '52; Hon. Joseph R. Hawley, '86 Hon.; James H. Hayden, '87 S.; E. A. Hill, '75; Curtis J. Hillyer, '50; Wallace W. Hite, '78; W. A. Holdert, '70; H. W. Hoyt, '78; Geo. H. Gurty; J. O. Perrin, '79; Thos. L. McClung, '92; Wm. A. Malloy; Wm. H. Morse, '67; B. W. Parker, '98; E. A. Pratt, '58; Rev. E. K. Rawson, '68; Ellis H. Roberts, '50; Thos. H. Shenaud, ex-'98; Jno. K. Stauffer, '95; W. C. Whittemore, '55; Rev. E. Whittlesey, '42; George P. Whittlesey, ex-'78; Walter D. Wilcox, '93; Guerdon H. Wilcox, ex-'95; H. K. Willard, '79; Andrew Wilson, '92; F. J. Woodman, '76; Kwai Young, '84; G. R. Lyman, '67; T. W. Lyman; Col. C. J. Harris; Gov. J. G. Brady, '74; and J. H. Jennings, '84 S.; President Arthur T. Hadley, '76.

**The Buffalo Meeting.**

The annual banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Buffalo, N. Y. was held at the Buffalo Club, Buffalo,

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ACADEMIC SLOUCH,**

(Reference being to a hat), has a style of its own, no matter what its hues and age. That is true of most anything a College man puts on his head. So many College men wear Knox Hats!

Tuesday evening, March 13, William E. Foster, '60, presiding. Besides President Hadley, who was the guest of honor and made the principal speech of the evening, there were speeches by H. S. Durand, '81; Thomas H. Penney, '87; Rev. Frank S. Fitch, '73 T.S.; George E. Matthews, '77; Dr. M. D. Mann, '67; Sheldon T. Viele, '68; Ansley Wilcox, '74; Rev. G. B. Richards, '88 S.; and C. W. Goodyear and George Urban, Jr., who were introduced as the "fathers-in-law" of the University, not graduates themselves, but having sons who were. Jesse C. Dann, '88 S., read a poem by Robert Cameron Rogers, '83, entitled "A Drama-Dream," descriptive of an imaginary sea fight between the Cruiser Yale, commanded by ex-President Dwight and manned by President Hadley, and a Spanish fleet under Weyler.

## YALE DEMOCRACY AND THE SOPHOMORE SOCIETIES.

President Hadley spoke in part as follows:

"The third characteristic of Yale that I shall bring out is that of democracy. Now here again I do not mean by democracy, communism, equality. People are not equal and no amount of words will make them so; and an ideal of democracy that is bound up with an absolute theoretical equality of any kind, and attempts to realize it, is a very precarious one because it keeps running up against facts that are too strong for it. What we mean by democracy is that everybody should have an interest in the vital interests of the whole; that everyone should have a fair show to become in his way part of a community, part of a public spirit and public life and should feel not only that he is part of that life, but that his share in that life is the greatest thing that he possesses and enjoys. That is the essence of democracy.

"The very influences which seemed to militate against Yale democracy, and which we are fighting hardest now, do but give evidence of the vitality of the underlying democratic ideas. Take the Sophomore Society difficulty, for instance. Things are bad in a great many ways about the Sophomore Society system at present. They are by no means hopelessly bad when it has become a matter of vital concern to everyone to set them right and when the work of graduates and undergraduates is gradually being focussed on a point where I am confident that it will set them right. Things are bad, things have lost the democratic spirit in a college where a man, finding that he has become a part of the social life, accepts it, becomes a specialist, retires into his shell and ceases to be part of the general life of the place. Thank God, we are as far from that as we ever have been. It does not militate against the existence of true democracy to have to fight for it. In fact, that is the condition of a democracy; that you should keep fighting for it, and these struggles are but the evidence of the vitality of the old spirit under conditions which are adverse at present; but we triumphed over equally bad things in the past and I believe we shall do so to-day."

## THE WORK FOR GRADUATES.

"Now, what is it that the graduates of Yale are doing and can do in the maintenance of these qualities that I have described? In the first place, by their presence throughout the country, by the testimony of their life and their work, they are bringing to Yale, students from all parts of the country, bringing us material. It is not only vitally important for those men to have a national education, but the only means of having a national education is to get those men from everywhere. You know the story about the man who had the moose? I hope some of you do not. At any rate, I will venture to tell it. There was a man who had a moose on exhibition. He charged 25 cents apiece for individuals and 50 cents for families. Now, there was a man who came along with eleven children and he wanted a 50-cent ticket. The man said: "Are all those your children?" The other man said "Yes, they're all my children." "Come right in," said the owner of the moose. "Don't pay a cent. It is quite as important for my moose to see your family as it is for your family to see my moose."

"The alumni association can, throughout the country, enable our moose at Yale to see the large and growing families that are now contained within the

borders of the United States. And, in the second place, they can, by being wide-awake with new ideas, which they get in all places and parts of the country, keep Yale up to the needs of the times. The inspiration furnished by a Yale man at the head of the Forestry Department of the Government is on the very point of being realized by the establishment of a forest school at Yale, which will be more liberally endowed in proportion to its needs than any other department of the University. I hope now—though I do not see the endowment—that the inspiration of having a Yale man at the head of the Philippine Commission will, in due time, lead to the similar development of, first, the idea and then the endowment, for if you really have the idea, money follows—into an endowment of a department of colonial government. And so on all along the line. The Yale men everywhere, by keeping their eyes open and their minds open, can keep the heart of Yale open, ready to take advantage of the new opportunities that are coming on from year to year and from day to day.

"So much for our national character and for what you can do for it. And now with regard to the conservative character. You by your contact with the Yale men of the undergraduate and professional school world, are a conservative force of immense importance. A body that shifts from year to year, a student body that has no past and no future, even a body of students and instructors living within themselves, are liable to be blown about by every wind of doctrine. It is because of the active connection between students and alumni that there is a permanence, a stability in the sentiment of the college, which enables us to go through the changes that have already taken place and the greater changes that must take place in the immediate future, without undermining the bonds of discipline and the force of public sentiment. Whatever brings graduates and undergraduates together, substitutes a force with 60 years of life back of it for one with the 4 or 6 years of student life only."

## SOUTH MIDDLE AND THE FENCE.

"In connection with the keeping up of old conservative ways, I hope that we may keep as far as possible the old customs and old buildings. Your president's friends, the clerical members of the Corporation, are an iconoclastic set. They want to take down old buildings, but I think we are going to be able to preserve South Middle as long as its old walls will hold it up and we are going to have a good fence, too, not in the old place. I was sorry to see the old fence go from the old place, but, after all, New Haven is getting to be so large a city that it is best for the college to live on the inside, on the whole, instead of the outside; it avoids contact between the College and New Haven, which probably isn't good for New Haven and certainly isn't good for the College.

"Yale democracy is not so frail a thing that it is dependent upon having its fence placed in one particular position. But we are going to have, before the Bi-centennial, and when we have once got the question of grades on the Campus settled, a new fence, with three good round rails and square tops on the posts, of the kind on which Mr. Viele and Mr. Foster and I were educated, and which will bind the graduate of the future with the graduate of the past by one more visible symbol. And so in other ways. There is no need of going into them all. Now, further, the graduates can help the spirit of democracy in the first place by all the ways in which they helped the spirit of conservatism. It is sometimes thought that democracy and conservatism are antagonistic, but it is not so. There never was a falseness conception. \* \* \*

## A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR PHELPS.

"It would be wrong to close any speech this week without some mention of the great man who has just gone away from us. Edward John Phelps was the last of the men in public life who had been actively engaged in our historic national affairs in the days of Webster and Clay and Calhoun. His passing away is the passing away of an age of history. It is more than this, for he brought into the affairs of the present, right knowledge derived from the experience of the past; he brought into the affairs of the country an experience derived from contact with other countries; he brought

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The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Hon. Willson S. Bissell, '69; Vice-President, William A. Rogers, '74 S.; Secretary and Treasurer, Kneeland Ball, '96; Executive Committee, Edward B. Guthrie, '71; Carl T. Chester, '75; George E. Matthews, '77.

**The Columbia Football Eleven.**

The *Columbia Spectator* published on March 16 two letters from the Faculty Committees on Athletics in regard to the management of the football team of Columbia last Fall. These letters reported an examination of the books of the manager and of his conduct of the office, which showed that, in the opinion of the Committee, he had been untruthful toward the committee in the matter of certain payments made to members of the football eleven, to cover tuition, board or other expenses. The motive of covering up the work of paying members of the football team, explains, in the opinion of the Committee, all the irregularities in the accounts of the manager. The Committee's letter severely condemns the attitude of the manager, who, the Committee reports, has severed his connection with the University.

The *Spectator* comments on the letters as follows:

"In another column we publish two letters from the Faculty Committee on Athletics. At first we hesitated to publish these merely from an unwillingness to exploit so unfortunate and deplorable an affair, but after due deliberation we decided that, in justification of the attitude of Columbia as regards purity in athletics, we had best make the facts public. We are sure it is the true sentiment of every Columbia man, that it is preferable to be beaten in football or any other branch of sport by our weakest opponent rather than have a successful team at the slightest sacrifice of our athletic honor."

An investigation, it will be remembered, was made during the football season by the Faculty Committee on Athletics, but at that time the Committee were convinced, from what they could learn from the records, that every member of the team except Gilchrist, who was forbidden to play, was a *bona fide* student. The revival of the rumors, coupled with reports of dishonesty on the part of the manager, induced another investigation by the Faculty Committee through the Graduate Advisory Committee, with the result as given above.

**Janitor "Sam" Brown Dead.**

Janitor Samuel J. Brown of Durfee Hall died in New Haven, Friday, March 16, of pneumonia. He was fifty-six years of age and had been janitor of Durfee for twelve years. Before being appointed to Durfee, he had for four years been janitor of North. He was for a long time janitor of one of the Junior Society halls.