

prize is for the one "who shall write and pronounce the best oration," that the prize was given to one whose piece and certainly his pronunciation was far inferior to others, but he had a subject which was popular and sentiment in that case, in my opinion, influenced the decision, and when I gave my opinion to one of the Faculty, he said, "I agree with you." * * *

New Haven, April 16, 1900.

[That sentiment may at times affect the decision of a large body of men, whose selection for the work of judging is a pure accident of circumstance, is quite conceivable. Though, it did not operate this year, the point is one of many to bear in mind in considering the present method of judging the TenEyck—Editor WEEKLY.]

Chicago's Two Million Dollar Gift.

[President Harper in last University Record.]

As has already been announced, the two millions of dollars needed to meet the requirements of Mr. Rockefeller's proposition made in October, 1895, have been secured. The details of this work have in large measure been made known to the public. A study of the facts connected with the effort to secure these gifts and of the gifts themselves leads me to make the following statements:

1. The gifts have come from more than four hundred different persons and have varied in amount from one dollar to more than a million;

2. The total amount if calculated upon an ordinary basis would be nearly two and one half millions instead of two millions, for in many cases in order to fix an actual cash value upon a gift the amount was estimated at much less than the real value. As an example of this I may cite the Gurley Palaeontological Collection, the value of which is at least \$125,000, although it is estimated in the Two Million Dollar Fund as \$50,000.

3. Incredible though it may seem to be, 90 per cent. of the subscriptions in amount, as well as 90 per cent. in number have come unsolicited. In nine cases out of ten the contributor has himself taken the initiative in making the gift.

4. There is a profound interest felt in the University on the part of men and women from whom such interest might not be expected. The desire to render assistance in an enterprise, the success of which seems assured, has been expressed by many, and strangely enough the fact that Mr. Rockefeller has given so much money to the University has not in these cases led to the feeling that their assistance was not needed.

5. The desire has become strong on the part of those who give sums of any considerable size that their names shall not be made public, and the reason given in each case is the same—the fear that those giving will be overwhelmed with requests from the world at large. In its earlier history, we did not meet this feeling, but the experience of some of our earlier patrons have led them to ask for the withholding of their names at the present time.

6. In submitting the gifts that have been made for the consideration of Mr. Rockefeller, in order that after such consideration they might be duplicated in accordance with the terms of the arrangement, we have found Mr. Rockefeller and his representatives at all times

willing to meet the University in the most liberal way, and while in every case the arrangement has been made upon a cash valuation, in many cases there have been special adjustments of terms, to meet the demands of the case.

The Northfield Conference.

The handbook of the Northfield Student Conference, to be held from June 29 to July 8, has just been issued. It gives a brief outline of the object and plans of the conference this year. The general scheme for meetings will be the same as in previous years, the mornings and evenings being used for religious work, and the afternoons for recreation. This year even greater stress will be laid upon the department of Bible Study, one hour every morning being the time set aside for it. Four courses will be taught simultaneously, with the object of preparing leaders for each of the college classes. Henry B. Wright, Yale '98, will have charge of the Freshman course; Prof. Edward I. Bosworth, Yale '83, of Oberlin College, of the Sophomore course; Mr. T. H. P. Sailer, University of Pennsylvania, of the Junior course; Mr. William D. Murray, Yale '80, will conduct a less advanced course for beginners in the study of the Bible. There will be a memorial service to the late Dr. Dwight Moody, which it is hoped to make one long to be remembered.

The list of speakers for the year includes Bishop J. H. Vincent, Rev. William R. Richards, Yale '75, and Rev. Reuben Torrey, Yale '75; Rev. C. E. Jefferson, Prof. Dyson Hague of Wycliffe College, Toronto, and Mr. Robert E. Speer. Yale's Northfield Committee this year is:

From 1900—D. B. Casler, W. S. Coffin, M. Mills, E. A. Park, R. M. Patterson, W. B. Seabury, T. W. Swan; from 1900 S.—O. H. Schell, H. Brown, J. E. Wheeler; from 1901—E. B. Adams, S. L. Coy, R. H. Edwards, P. D. Moody, A. H. Richardson, R. V. Spencer, J. H. Wear; from 1901 S.—W. M. Clark, J. F. Ferry, W. M. Fincke, A. Gard, B. W. Kunkel; from 1902—W. S. Garnsey, Jr., R. G. Guernsey, G. W. Hitner, C. Gould, A. C. Ludington, W. F. Roberts, F. H. Sincerbeaux, E. A. Stebbins, P. G. White; from 1902 S.—G. W. Butts, Jr., R. Kingsley, D. S. Norton; from 1903—G. B. Chadwick, H. T. Clark, J. M. Dreisbach, A. Fox, F. W. Moore, T. R. Strong.

Professor James Mason Hoppin.

[Wm. Ordway Partridge in the Coming Age.]

The last quiet years of this sane and beautiful life are to be given to the completion of his unpublished essays and books, so that the world will eventually be the richer for this cessation of daily work. Art to him is no abstraction. He cries out against the theory that art exists solely in the mind, and that there is no intrinsic beauty in natural objects. He declares art to be the interpretation of the significance and perfection of nature. He would not have you think of nature only for scientific and practical uses, but he would have you see in it two revelations, "that of use and that of beauty." Listen to this: "The beauty is just as much a part of nature as the use; they are only different aspects of the self-same facts, the usefulness on one side is on the other beauty. The colors of the landscape, the tints of Spring and Autumn, the lines of twilight and the dawn, all that might seem the superfluity of nature, are only her most necessary operations under another view; her ornament is another aspect of her work; and, in the act of laboring as a machine, she also sleeps as a picture."

He sees the use of Mercury as a messenger of the gods, but this is not all he sees. In describing the Hermes at Olympia, he notes the "sweetness of expression that lights up the face, and that quiet look into futurity which is linked with a benignity that seems to express a consciousness of present care and duty." He sees that his feet have wings. He declares that the use of beauty is to make us free men, a thought that the Greek held very dear.

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Spanish Plays for the Library.

The University Library has recently obtained an interesting collection of forty-five volumes of old Spanish plays, the earliest of which dates back 250 years, at the sale of the library of the late Augustin Daly. The plays were written chiefly in Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona, the work being entitled "Coleccion de Comedias."

Change in Academic Law Course.

A change in one of the law courses open to Academic Seniors during the coming year has been announced. The course intended for those who wish to begin the professional study of law were at first limited to three hours a week. It has been lengthened to five hours a week, and Professor S. E. Baldwin and W. K. Townsend have been added to the list of instructors. The additional instruction will cover American law, Agency and Wills, by the former, and Evidence and the Law of Common Carrier, by the latter.

The Yale-Princeton Debate.—Thatcher Prize Awarded.

In the Yale-Princeton debate, to be held in Alexander Hall, Princeton, May 8, Yale will support the affirmative side of the subject: "Resolved, That the Hay-Pauncefote treaty should be ratified as originally submitted to the Senate." The Yale team, which was chosen Monday night, April 23, is: Mason Trowbridge, 1902, Chicago; F. A. Lord, Yale '98, and 1900 L.S., New York, and C. W. Merriman, 1901 T.S., Springfield, Mass.

The Thatcher Prize of seventy-five dollars for the best work done in the trial debate was awarded to Mason Trowbridge, 1902, of Chicago.

The men who will represent Princeton are Joseph Hall Hill, 1900; Joseph Addison Jones, 1900, and Robert Service Steen, 1901. Yale has submitted a list on nine men to act as judges, indicating order of preference.

Hampton Institute, of which H. B. Frissell, Yale '74, is Principal, has issued its invitations for its thirty-second anniversary exercises, to be held on Thursday, April 26, at the Gymnasium. The exercises are preceded by a conference, April 25, on the subject of Southern Education, in which Hon. J. L. M. Curry, Mr. Walter Page, Mr. Booker T. Washington and Prof. J. M. Lindsay of the University of Pennsylvania, take part.

When they stopped the machinery and dragged the crumpled workman out from between the wheels, they feared he was finished.

However, he opened his eyes, and spoke in a faint, far-away voice. "You kin say wot you please," said he, "but as fer me, this traveling in cog ain't the game they make it out to be."—*Princeton Tiger.*

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Yale's First Endowment.

An article printed recently in the *Windham County Transcript*, recalls Yale's first endowment, nearly 200 years ago, when James Fiske of Plainfield, County of New London, Conn., gave his farm of about 635 acres to the newly founded Collegiate School, as the words of the original deed have it, "in consideration of the promising and encouragement of learning and good Literature." The deed is preserved in Killingly, Conn., town records. The trustees of the School later exchanged the property for land in another portion of the State, but the name "college farm" still clings to the original, though shifting county and town lines have moved it from New London County into Windham County, and from the town of Plainfield into East Putnam.

The Faculty of the Yale Medical School have prohibited the publication of a class book this year because it was found that those Seniors engaged in outside enterprises, which took a great deal of time, were met with almost insurmountable obstacles when the time for final examinations came.

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