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THE NEXT WEEKLY.

The next issue of the paper and the last of the current volume is the August or Midsummer issue, which will be out August 15. The first volume of the next year will begin with the September issue, which is published just before College opens in September.

The last weekly edition of this paper was on June 20. Not all subscribers are yet accustomed to the schedule. The weekly issues begin with first college week in October and run up to Commencement. Then begin the monthly issues.

THE CONDITION OF THE FUND.

On the whole, Yale men are not enthusiastic over the present condition of the Bi-centennial Fund. They feel even less enthusiastic when they realize that the canvass has been managed with great energy and zeal and thoroughness.

A million dollars is a great deal of money to have on hand even prospectively, but this sum and the time and effort required to advance it thus far, taken in relation to the need of Yale, and then compared with what other institutions are doing, is certainly nothing to make anyone particularly happy. If a particularly energetic canvass in a few places and a few large gifts were eliminated, the total would be unpleasantly small.

This condition of things simply must not continue, and it behooves Yale men everywhere to seriously ask themselves why it has been thus and how it may cease to be thus. It is the serious business of every individual interested in Yale and until this is realized the fund will still lag. If there is any circumstance in Yale or Yale affairs which any alumnus sees to be a handicap and which he cannot correct himself, or through his friends, then he ought to take the case to headquarters and test it by such facts and plans as are there, and there only, known. Write directly to the officers of the University. We print this without their knowledge but we know that it is in accord with their wishes. We believe it is the principle of the administration to have the fullest understanding between the management of Yale and her sons and her friends. It seems to us the Yale

way of doing things, namely, to work out our doubts, to thresh out our criticisms, among ourselves, and so understand each other and cooperate with unity and without division of sentiment or feeling.

Two or three conditions seem to us to withhold for the present contributions which ordinarily would freely come to Yale at such an important point in her history. As the old order changed for the new, there was doubt in men's minds as to what the new order was and where it would lead. There has been time to demonstrate which way Yale was tending. It seems to us that the season for doubt or hesitation on this score has passed. The Hadley Administration, as it appears to us, has devoted itself to saving the best of old Yale and moving ahead on lines of development consistent with Yale's already established character.

In the second place, the lack of enthusiasm in this Yale enterprise is said to have been somewhat due to the agitation over the society system. It is impossible to say how much it has acted, but any known cause of criticism of this sort is a handicap, especially where there has been such a general agreement that social conditions have not been as they ought to be. The reform has been moving slowly, but it seems to us that it is now clear that the old evil will be eradicated. The near future, we firmly believe, will see the societies of the Academic Department ordered for the good of the greatest number and so as to give equal opportunity to all. We believe, and we find nowhere a disagreement with this stand, that practically all the necessary time for the right kind of change has been taken and that the Academic year 1900-1901 must not and cannot move far without seeing the change completed.

Another point has been considered. Not a few men believe that Yale's athletic reverses have had a good deal to do with the delay in bringing forward this Bi-centennial fund to its proper proportions. This is not the superficial reasoning that it may seem. The WEEKLY's position on athletics has been stated often. We believe them to be an index of the strength and the health of the community life of Yale. When Yale does not bring out a team or a crew which is what such a university as Yale can produce at her best, she shows that things are not working together quite as well as they ought to be. But as to this point, as well as to the other two, it seems to us that the cloud is lifting. The Class of 1900 graduated after making in its Senior year a great effort to return Yale to her rightful place. The effort was only partially successful, as far as results for the year went, but anyone who cannot agree with us that the condition of Yale athletics is much sounder and promises much better for the future to-day than twelve months ago, seems to us to overlook very patent facts. The undergraduates fully realize that the responsibility is theirs. They have shouldered that responsibility, and are ready to take it up with increased spirit and force another year. At the same time they have so arranged their system that they can get at their resources better than they could before. We are very hopeful on this point.

Next year, with every Yale man, on the Campus and off the Campus, feeling his individual responsibility and then acting up to it, will be a great year for Yale.

THE CREW.

It does not seem that there ever was a victory over which Yale could rejoice with such satisfaction as that at New London. This is said with due regard

to the accident by which Harvard lost her splendid captain and her stake just on the eve of the contest. That captain, by the way, could hardly have proved the quality of his leadership so well as by leaving a crew, after he was taken out of it, which could row such a race as did Harvard on the 28th. That Harding, the substitute stroke, should have rowed himself into a helpless condition, certainly is no ground for criticising Captain Higginson for putting him there or for criticising Harding or for criticising anybody. If a man has such a spirit that he is willing to take a good chance of dying, when he decides that it is tied to the only chance for victory, he is one who must be left alone to work out a glorious victory or such a glorious defeat as he suffered on Thursday. It was more than a usual victory to win against such men as Harvard's.

It was as keen a disappointment to Yale as to Harvard that the original order of the boat was disturbed by the accident to Higginson, which prevented trying out under perfect conditions the claims of these two ideal crews. But Harvard has not considered that in accepting the decision of the race and Yale thoroughly appreciates the spirit shown in the extract from the *Harvard Bulletin* printed elsewhere. Yale men, on the other hand, realize that, because so much credit is due the Harvard Crew and the Harvard system, which met the emergency as it did, no less is due the Crew which, all things being taken into account, rowed perhaps the best race ever pulled with blue oars.

The WEEKLY expressed, in the last issue before the race, the debt which it considers Yale under to Dr. Gallaudet and the loyal gratitude due to Captain Allen. This would have been the same in defeat and so we took the occasion to say it before the issue was decided. It is a great satisfaction to have it made so plain in victory. It is not necessary to say anything more, we believe, to make these men know how grateful Yale is to them.

MR. ROBINSON.

Yale athletes have said goodbye to their trainer, Mr. James Robinson, with sincere regret. He has been very faithful and very successful in his work with the Eleven, the Track Team and the Nine, and has brought them to their contests quite invariably in excellent condition. He has quietly done his work and has carefully avoided interfering with the work, and the responsibility of others. We wish him a very happy time as he returns to his old home at Princeton and assure him that the good will of Yale men follows him there.

THE WILBUR BACON CREW PICTURE.

It is appropriate that in the year of perhaps the greatest contest Yale and Harvard ever rowed, a great crew of the first days of rowing should be recalled. Mr. Tuttle's gift to the Trophy room of the Yale Gymnasium places a very valuable record in possession of Yale and is very much appreciated. It was by Mr. Tuttle's kindness that the WEEKLY has been able to reproduce the picture in this issue. Mr. Scranton's memorial to Wilbur Bacon, printed else-

"THE STRENUOUS LIFE."

Hardly any phrase of a public speaker or writer, written within the past few years has attracted more attention or been more quoted than Governor Roosevelt's allusion to "the strenuous life." It almost sounds as if he had been selecting a name for an insurance company. But, while the three words would not be accepted as a happy title for a life insurance company, there is no doubt that they define most aptly the manner of living of the average, ambitious American citizen. The truth of this is recognized at a glance by every man who is striving for success in business, or in any of the professions. There is no longer any hope of success for the man who "takes things easy." It might almost be said that there is no room for him in the crowd of eager hustlers who throng every avenue to success in the modern business world.

Deplore it or not, as we may, we are forced to acknowledge that we must live the strenuous life in order to maintain our place among our fellows. The faculties must necessarily be kept always on the alert. The body must be always "in condition." The mental attitude must always correspond to the physical pose of the athlete in action.

This intensity of effort, while it has come to be recognized as a necessity of modern life is full of danger. The athlete who keeps always at the highest pitch of physical condition realizes that he is constantly in danger of breaking down. The bow that is kept strung at its utmost tension is likely to snap. And the business man whose every ounce of energy is constantly needed for the proper prosecution of his affairs must realize the necessity of doing away with all needless anxiety lest he overtax himself in some direction in which he cannot look for any adequate return for his exertion. He is like a man who is forced to guard a citadel depending on his own vigilance alone. If he can secure one point of the fortifications so absolutely that it needs no further attention from him, he can devote his entire energy to the other points with more effectiveness, and less fear of some fatal oversight.

It is therefore the man who lives the most strenuous life, who most needs the relief from anxiety which comes only from the possession of a policy of life insurance in some company whose security is absolute, and beyond the necessity of an apprehensive investigation. Let such a man be insured in the "Grand Old Mutual," and he can face with equanimity the breaking down which must inevitably come sooner or later. Nay, more than that. Being relieved of all anxiety as to the future of his loved ones, he may make his life the more strenuous with less danger of a break-down, and thus find himself more efficient by far in the constant struggle which the strenuous life involves.

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The President's report for the year, given very wisely at Commencement, is unusually full of thought-provoking matter. It is direct and frank. Every graduate ought to read it all. A good deal of it is reprinted in this issue.

The friends of the Law School saw enough of the new building to feel very well satisfied as to the School's home. All approve the name of Hendrie Hall. The only cause of regret was the absence of the man whose frequent generosity has made the building possible. Mr. Hendrie's health did not permit him to leave his home at Sound Beach. It has, however, improved of late—a fact for which many Yale men will be grateful.

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