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MY FAMILIAR.

"Eccē iterum Crispinus."

Again I hear that creaking step!—
He's rapping at the door!—
Too well I know the boding sound
That ushers in a bore.
I do not tremble when I meet
The stoutest of my foes,
But Heaven defend me from the friend
Who comes—but never goes!

II.

He reads my daily paper through
Before I've seen a word;
He scans the lyric (that I wrote)
And thinks it quite absurd;
He calmly smokes my last cigar,
And coolly asks for more;
He opens every thing he sees—
Except the entry door!

III.

I mean to take the knocker off,
Put crape upon the door,
Or hint to John that I am gone
To stay a month or more.
I do not tremble when I meet
The stoutest of my foes,
But Heaven defend me from the friend,
Who never, never goes!

SAXE.

President Dwight.

The academic year at Yale begins the term of a new president for the college, the induction of Prof. Timothy Dwight* into his presidential office having occurred on Thursday, July 1. We venture to refer to some of the salient points of President Dwight's inaugural address, especially because of their bearing upon certain educational questions now under discussion.

President Dwight first emphasized the idea that the university which has hitherto existed at New Haven only as a group of distinct Faculties, should now begin to coordinate these various departments into an organic whole. But this university life must proceed by a consistent process of evolution, rather than through a series of summary revolutions. For an institution whose origin is in the distant past, must be affected in all its growth by its inheritance from other generations; and the ends it will have in view cannot be accomplished by any sudden and entire breaking away from what has been already established by the work of nearly two centuries, or by hasty imitation of what is done elsewhere under conditions and influences entirely different.

A fundamental idea in the theory of education at Yale College hitherto has been "that of the superiority of man to his uses. Our primal thought has been," says Pres. Dwight, "to develop the individual man roundly and fully in himself. The service which he does for the world is the natural

outcome of what he is. * * * Education does for the mind what religion does for the heart. It builds up, and builds out the man. The man, when it has accomplished its work in him, can use his knowledge and his powers wherever the world may send him, and he will do so if the noble impulses of educated manhood are in his spirit. * * * We believe that it is better that young men should not be disciplined and trained for one thing only; that whatever may be their future work, they will be larger and wiser and more useful men, if a very broad foundation is laid;" if their minds are not only strengthened by the more strictly disciplinary studies, but also opened to a wide survey of knowledge and enlarged to the comprehension of what the mind is in and for itself.

Touching the question of the study of Greek, Pres. Dwight pointedly remarks:

"The opposition to the study of the Ancient Classics—so far as I have been able to read the essays of recent writers on the subject—is in reality an opposition to certain unhappy methods of teaching them. No man who has learned to read Homer or Demosthenes in any measure as he would read the best English or German authors has ever regretted it. No man who has ever learned through the knowledge of the Greek language, to appreciate in any measure the poetry or oratory, or philosophy of Greece has grieved over the hours spent in gaining that knowledge.

* * * The disputes about education which have filled the air for the last few years, we may well remember, are not yet ended. It will be a strange thing in the world's history if, in this regard, the permanent future does not find its fountain of life in the permanent past.

Finally, the President emphasized the importance of religious culture as the consummation of all culture, in the following impressive words:—

"As for myself, I may truly say that if I were not hopeful that the young men of these coming years would look back in after life upon some blessings for their souls' living derived from their intercourse with me, and from the friendly relations which existed between us here, I would turn aside from the office which opens before me at this hour of its beginning."

The graduates and friends of "Old Yale" listened with special interest to the words of promise and prophecy which were given in the Inaugural Address, and anticipate great progress for their university under the liberal and sagacious policy which they now feel warranted in expecting.

Phillip Exeter Senate.

In the current issue of the *Exonian* is printed an account of the objects and workings of P. E. A. Senate.

The idea of that organization was conceived early in the last school year by some of the students, and meeting with general approval was almost immediately carried into execution.

The P. E. A. Senate as its name would indicate is modelled as nearly as possible after the U. S. Senate. The members represent the states of the union, one senator being allowed each state. The members of the Political parties, Republican and Democratic, are seated on opposite sides of the senate chamber, and any student upon applying for admission must state which party he wishes to support. The meetings commence at 7 o'clock and at 9.30, without any motion, the president declares the meeting adjourned. After five minutes recess the senate is again called in executive session, which corresponds to the ordinary business meeting of any society, and is in turn adjourned at 10 o'clock.

The purpose of this organization is to encourage extemporaneous speaking; to give the power to think intelligently and logically in an emergency; to aid in acquiring a knowledge of Parliamentary law; an acquaintance with the political question of the day; and an insight into the methods of law making.

The P. E. A. Senate, through the society for political education, the head quarters of which are in New York, is also enabled to furnish its members "in a cheap and convenient form well selected pamphlets on current important questions, and thus to encourage the study of political science."

The manifold advantages of such an organization as the P. E. A. senate are very evident. It takes up work which literary societies do not, and elaborates other work which they only touch upon; at the same time it leaves out such work as declamations, select readings, and essays which render a literary society abhorrent to the great mass of students. A quick, ready, boy, who cannot bring himself down to learning a declamation or to writing an elaborate essay, in such a society where extemporaneous speaking above all else is cultivated, finds the outlet for his powers. Such an organization must also increase one's general knowledge on questions of every day importance, putting him in possession of data which will always enable him to defend, whenever called upon, his position on any question of general importance.

We do not know when we have heard of an organization that so meets with our hearty approval as the P. E. A. Senate, and we prophesy for it a prosperous and useful future.

* Professor Dwight is a grandson of President Timothy Dwight who was at the head of Yale College from 1795 till 1817, and has been a professor in the Divinity School since 1858.

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In another column we print a short sketch of the workings and purposes of the P. E. A. Senate. It seems to us that the principles on which this society are founded are most sound ones, and we should like to see a similar organization any way, and as the work and aims of the society are so different from what those of the Senate if formed would be, we see no reason why members of Philo. could not become members of the Senate. In this advanced age a political education goes hand in hand with good citizenship, and it is of the utmost importance that every student, who goes from college life into the busy whirl of the world should have pronounced opinions of his own on every political question. Such an organization as the Senate would certainly start him in the right direction.

People's Lecture Course.

The programme of the People's Course has appeared about town. The lectures are more in number than last year, and their cost is so small that they are easily within the reach of all. By paying a slight additional sum, reserved seats can be secured, which may be held throughout the season. This will partially avoid the crowds which were accustomed to gather in front of the entrance, making it almost impossible for ladies to secure good seats.

The first lecture of the course, "An Old Castle," by Prof. Winchester, occurs on October 4th. Although this lecture was delivered last year in the People's Course, it will lose none of its fine qualities by repetition, and no one should miss the opportunity of hearing it.

Programme of the Course :

- Oct. 4. "An Old Castle," by Prof. C. T. Winchester.
- Oct. 11. "Words, and the Uses of Words," by Rev. Alex. McKenzie, D. D.
- Oct. 18. "England Revisited," by Prof. Geo. E. Gladwin.
- Oct. 25. "The Sentiment of Reverence," by Rev. Franklin Carter, D. D., LL. D.
- Nov. 1. "Mexico; Historical and Picturesque," by Frederick A. Ober.
- Nov. 8. "Evangelism; the Poetry and History," by Rev. E. N. Packard.
- Nov. 15. "The Women of the Middle Ages," by Hon. C. B. Rice.

- Nov. 22. "Some of the Relations of Plants to the Air We Breathe," by Prof. G. L. Goodale.
- Nov. 29. Concert by Andover Brass Band. Reading by Miss Lena H Capron.
- Dec. 6. "A Man and his Partners," by Rev. F. B. Makepeace.
- Dec. 13. "America's Struggle for Freedom," by C. E. Bolton.

Communicated.

There are few school sports which combine so many good qualities as a hare and hound race.

We see no reason why it should not become one of the regular sports here, as it has been for some time among the colleges. Two years ago there was a club started, which, it was hoped, had come to stay, but, alas! owing to lack of management it never amounted to anything. A hare and hound race has peculiar advantages since any one possessing an ordinary pair of legs can join in. It requires no remarkable proficiency, although an expert runner has the advantage. It affords a cheap and agreeable way of getting healthful exercise for many who would otherwise take little or none. Can we not have a run this Fall club or no club? The Fall is the best season as the ground is not so soft and wet as it is in the Spring, and the air is cool and bracing.

We quite agree with our correspondent in his wish that a hare and hound run might be organized. Although the sport is not as popular among us as foot-ball and tennis and is apt to be despised by those who are devoted to these games, yet it is just the thing for those who, for one reason or another, do not take an active part in the regular games and are therefore left with no special means of exercise. A hare and hound run is wanted! Who will start it?

MR. EDITOR:—

Interest, spirit, life, not only in our sports but in our school life in general, is the main point necessary to insure our future victories and if each fellow can and will feel that it is his individual duty to take an active interest in all that appertains to school life, the result will soon remove the overhanging cloud due to our late defeats.

In view of our several reverses of fortune within the last year or so, I offer, as a suggestion, in the interest of tennis, that two medals, one single and one double for the "singles" and "doubles" respectively be purchased by the school. These prizes to be contested for by any who may wish to do so at the Preliminary Tennis Tournament this Fall, and furthermore, to become the property of our champion just the same as those won in the Athletic Tournaments.

I think that not only those who do try would work harder, as there would then be more of a rivalry between them, but that it would bring out and develop those who otherwise would not even try.

The prizes in themselves need not necessarily be very valuable. The honor being

the main aim. If the Tennis Club would take this into consideration and have it understood that there would be a prize to contest for, I believe it would at least be a very helpful means of obtaining the desired end, success for Phillips in the future as in the past, X. Y. Z.

School Meeting.

Sept. 25, 1886.

On motion of Clark, a committee, consisting of Perrin, Hanna, W. P. Graves, Tweedy, and J. L. Dodge, was chosen to look after the erection of a grand stand; also, to enclose the campus, and adopt measures for the regulation of admission fees.

J. W. GRIMES, Sec'y.

How I Was Educated.

It is often of interest to learn the early impressions and experiences of Andover life, from men who have spent some of their youth in the Academy and of such impressions we catch a glimpse in an article entitled "How I was educated," by Professor William T. Harris, which appears in *The Forum* for August.

"Connected with my school education in the public schools after the age of thirteen was a series of terms at boarding-schools, one each year. I attended various New England Academies, say one term each at five different Academies.

On my fifth term away, at seventeen, I entered the Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, then under the principalship of Dr. S. H. Taylor. I had never before met a disciplinary force that had swept me completely off my feet and overcame my capricious will. My intellectual work had been all at hap-hazard, a matter of mere inclination. I now began to hear a great deal about mental discipline and to see manly industry. I took myself to studying in earnest, and tried to see how many hours of persistent industry I could accomplish each day. In my short stay at Andover I gained more than at any other school, and have always highly revered its discipline and instruction."

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A concert was given by the Andover Band at the band stand Friday evening.

Waterman, P. S., '85, will enter the Sophomore class at Harvard this week.

The prizes for the Philo. Mirror have been posted. The editor claims they are the largest ever offered.

Arrangements for two games of foot-ball have been completed: Oct. 2nd, Newton High School. Oct. 9th, Tufts College.

A Prep exulting in a silk hat and a cane was seen parading the streets one night this week. Where, oh where! was the mighty middler?

We have failed to notice any formation of a bicycle club. There are certainly enough wheels in school to make such an organization a success.

There was an incipient attempt at a cane rush Wednesday night. It was a false alarm however. After both classes had hollered themselves hoarse they dispersed quietly. One was afraid and the other daresnt.

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What has become of the Junior English class? The goal posts have been put up on the campus.

It is nearly time for a contribution on the school cheer.

Saturday before last Allen Hinton sold more than 58 quarts of ice cream.

The tickets for the People's Course will be on sale at Draper's, Oct. 2, at 7.30 p. m.

The Exeter game occurs on November 13th. Only seven weeks more for practice.

The middle class have elected the following officers: President, Luce; Vice President, Eaton.

The rush on the campus Wednesday evening could scarcely be called a success as it was minus a cane.

The steam apparatus in Society Hall has changed the appearance of that room to a great extent.

We hope that the foot-ball team will secure some better practice games than those we had last year.

It is rumored that Exeter has but two men from last year's foot-ball eleven attending school this year.

Mr. Freeborn who rooms in athletic society room has been elected as janitor of the reading room by the committee.

One of the pieces of statuary in the chapel has received quite an addition in the way of head-dress. Some thoughtful person must have felt the cold wave coming.

Several adventurous Cads have taken their semi-annual dip in the limpid waters of Pomp's pond, since the commencement of the term.

Now doth the wary fox pluck the juicy green grape on a dark night, while his fellow companion keepeth his eye peeled to avoid interruption.

Our infant class of '90 has been organized and the following officers chosen: Pres. F.K. Hollister, Vice Pres. Holland, Sec. and Treas. W. Leavitt.

Compulsory Athletics have begun at Exeter, now that their new gym. has been finished, each class is forced to practice one hour each day.

The last issue of the *Exonian* last spring appeared with an extra containing very good cuts of the cups won from us in the tennis tournaments.

Ewing, P. A '87, who entered Amherst college this Fall without any conditions is playing second base on the Freshman team, and has joined Chi. Psi.

The suits which Exeter will adopt this fall in foot-ball, will consist of white canvas jerseys, with P. E. on the breast, canvas trunks, red stockings and red caps.

Exeter's preliminary catalogue is out with a total of 258 men representing thirty different states and territories, and one foreign country. Williston numbers 83 all told.

It is announced that another of the teachers at Fem. Sem. is engaged. We do not claim to be authority on this subject, but further developments will be awaited with interest.

Through recent correspondence with C. S. Coombs, P. S. '85, we learn that he has obtained a position as a teacher in a Grammar school in Taunton Mass., and is to be married next Christmas.

We are informed that an occupant of commons was so pressed for something to eat, that he brought away three soup crackers and other mementoes of his call at the Fem. Sem. last Tuesday evening. This is wholly a new idea, but is probably a move in the right direction.

The reading room committee of which Bancroft is chairman, have held a meeting. Mr. C. G. Carter has been chosen auctioneer and the committee as a whole are hard at work getting subscriptions and making out a list of papers and magazines which, as usual, will be sold to the highest bidders. We trust we shall hear an early report from them.

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