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PREFACE.

CLASSMATES:

IF you have long since given up in despair of ever seeing this Report, you are abundantly justified by the long delay, which would have been inexcusable if it could have been prevented. For so much as may be justly laid to the charge of your Secretary, he humbly accepts the blame. To the Vice-Secretary none whatever attaches. In fact, it is entirely to his tireless energy, resolute purpose and continual prodding that the present appearance is due. To him the credit belongs.

Yet, willing to justify himself in some measure, the Secretary ventures to remind you of the obstacles placed in the way of its prompt appearance by yourselves. Directed, at the last meeting of the Class, to ascertain by correspondence, how many of the Class were desirous of having a Report and willing to pay for it, several months elapsed before a sufficient number of favorable replies were received to warrant the Committee in going on with the matter. These being obtained, together with subscriptions sufficient to warrant the undertaking, a somewhat formidable schedule of inquiries was addressed to every one of you, with a request for an immediate reply. What idea the Class attaches to the word "immediate" may be gathered from the fact the replies *are not yet all in*, though the circular was issued more than two years ago. Not willing to wait longer, if anything was to be done at all, the work of compilation and arrangement was begun, in the hope that, at some time not too late, all would respond. That hope has been disappointed, for reasons best known, and doubtless sufficient, to those who have maintained unbroken silence.

It was at length resolved to proceed to print, using the material that had been received, and where new material was wanting, to fall back upon the previous records. The design and endeavor have been to let each member of the Class speak for himself, so far as possible. The unequal amount of space accorded to different individuals is entirely due to the very unequal length and fulness, or to the entire absence, of the replies. The hearty thanks of the Committee, and presumably of the Class, are due and hereby given to those whose prompt and full replies have enabled us to make the Report as complete as it is.

In the work of final arrangement and preparation for the press, a further delay has arisen by reason of the constantly increasing pressure of engrossing and exacting duties upon the Secretary. Having arranged all the correspondence and prepared it for the printer as far as Cal. Child, he found himself obliged, if the Report were ever to see the light, to turn everything over to Bradley. He has given himself to its completion with hearty and laborious assiduity, and with a degree of success of which the appearance of the volume furnishes the best possible evidence. To him, more than to any and all others, its excellence is due. To him, also, we owe the suggestion of the photographs which adorn the volume. These, we believe, every Classmate who still loves Alma Mater, (and which of us does not?) will rejoice to see and to possess. They will serve to remind us of what "Old Yale" was in our day, not only, but to show something of that to which she has since attained. Linked closely to the Class of '55 in bonds of strong confidence and affection, Yale's new Prex will always be, as he has always been. No member of the Class, we are sure, but will rejoice to have the portrait of "Tim Dwight" bound up with the Report, and with peculiar fervor wish growing honor to him and success to his administration. If "action and re-action are equal," as we were taught, it may, perhaps, be a fair question how much of that success has been and will be due to his intimate connection with the Class of '55.

Much of the matter herewith presented will be recognized as having appeared before, in various Reports. This is due to the desire to make this record as complete and comprehensive as possible, even to the superceding of those which have gone before. In some cases it has been found absolutely

necessary, as already stated, owing to the lack of other and later material, if any record were to be given at all at this time. As regards those who have left our ranks and gone "over to the majority," this course seemed every way desirable. It may be many years before, if ever, another Report will be thought necessary or desirable. Most of us, if not all, are permanently settled in life, and the record of the past is, in the main, the sufficient key to the future. Important changes are not now likely to come to us in any great number, except the last great change, which may a kind Providence avert for many happy and useful years, from all who now survive.

It only remains to send this volume forth with the sincere assurance, to one and all, of the unchanged and unchanging regard of their deeply attached friend and obedient servant,

THE SECRETARY.





CLASS MEETINGS.



