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FOREWORD

TO THE CLASS:

Thanks to those who have aided in the preparation of this book, and regret that its appearance has been so long delayed, are the two thoughts which demand expression in this, the last word for the Vicennial Report. The delay, I take wholly upon my own shoulders, extenuating my fault only by reference to a large number of calls upon my time and other personal reasons connected with my business. The forbearance of the Class I have always relied upon and have never been disappointed.

Even now, its pages would not have been ready for your perusal had it not been for the devoted labors of William Savage Burns, who, with diligence, skill, and cheerful sacrifice of time has done a very large part of the work of preparation of the biographies. The Bibliography is entirely his work and represents much labor in the best libraries within reach. To him I extend the most hearty thanks of the Class and myself.

Without enumerating them, I also wish to thank others of the Class, who, by written and spoken suggestion, and by supplying the photographs from which many of the illustrations are reproduced, have contributed much to make the book what it is. Who some of them are, will be apparent from a perusal of the pages which follow.

It will be noticed that the biographical sketches have been made more complete than in former reports, by the addition of information concerning parentage, preparation for college, relationship and other facts dating back of entrance to college. While these items may not add very largely to the present interest of the Report, it is hoped that they will add to its value as a permanent record. It should be possible to turn to the class record of any graduate of Yale and learn from its pages all concerning him which can be concisely stated in print. It is hoped that the biographies herein, approach that design; but at the same time addition of informa tion not now available may be hereafter made to advantage.

It may have seemed to some of you that some of the information which you have been asked to contribute was somewhat irrelevant; but with the design above outlined in mind I think you will agree with me that every fact which I have sought to elicit from you may have a bearing upon the preparation of a biography which shall enable your class-mates and others to see you as you really are.

I have made a diligent effort, too, to get back into the lists, some of the missing non-graduate members of the Class. Many of them have never been heard from directly or indirectly since they left college, and some have appeared only for a moment within the scope of the Secretary's vision, to disappear again.

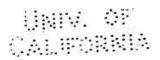
If it shall be my lot to prepare another Class Report, it is my hope that it shall contain the name and some facts concerning every man whose name was ever enrolled upon the membership roll of '87. I ask each man to bear in mind this desire, and in the event that he shall have knowledge of any man whose biography is entitled to a place in our records, but is missing or incomplete, to see that such information reaches me.

Very sincerely yours,

GEORGE E. HILL,

Bridgeport, June 15, 1909,

Secretary.



SINCE THE LAST REPORT



HE additional year or more since this report should, in the orderly progress of events, have been issued to an expectant world, gives some information for its pages which would have been necessarily omitted had it gone to press earlier.

These lines are written as the news is being ticked across the world that the people have for the first time chosen a Yale man for President and a word of gratified pride that such is the case cannot properly be construed, in a Yale Class Report, as an introduction of politics into its pages. Doubtless some Yale men, perhaps some '87 men were among those who felt it a duty to vote against him, but even those will unite with all other Yale men everywhere in a feeling of satisfaction that worth and circumstance combined to give Yale the honor which thus comes to her.

The Class, entering upon its third decade of post-graduate life has, among its members, men whose accomplishments must be recorded early in these pages. To tell of them thus among ourselves is not a boast but a mere chronicle of events of interest and importance to each one of us. They cannot all be referred to here, but the pages which follow will show what each man has done for himself, the world and the reputation of Yale and '87, so far as they can be gleaned from the all too modest reports which you have given of yourselves.

It is a busy lot of fellows, this Class of '87. The drones are either few or absent altogether from its roll of membership. It is that persistence in useful occupation which will most impress one who tries to look them all over and draw a composite picture of the 127 men who remain.* Every man

^{*}The statistical part of the Report was in type before the death of Clinton Larue Hare, who died June 4, 1909. It did not seem feasible to make changes in that part of the book already set up. The figures, therefore, include Hare among the living, rather than among the deceased members.

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has a useful occupation and is making the most of the noon of his active life. Most of them are doing it in a way which is suggestive in some measure of the characteristics which marked him when he was in college.

Do you remember how George Pettee was accustomed to hustle in college,—especially around examination time? We all knew then as we know now that he was a born teacher



with an energy back of him which knew no limits. He is hustling just the same to-day. Not long ago he resigned from the headship of the University School, in Cleveland, because he wanted to work out plans of his own, and now he is working out those plans on a couple of thousand acres up in Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

Tom Penney has gone from bad to worse. He has been for years counsel for the Consolidated Street Railway Lines, of Buffalo, and "all 'round about," but not many weeks ago