

Connected very closely with Athletics is an ethereal but none the less real something known as the *Yale spirit*. It was hard at first to understand what was meant by this. It was explained again and again without being understood, and it was only when the opposite spirit, as in some other University, was stated that this could be comprehended. The reason that it could not be understood at first was that something different from the Acadia spirit was looked for. It is the spirit that makes every man in the University an athlete, even though he never personally engages in athletics; that makes every man a debater although he never debates; that makes everyone that ever has been and is at Yale so saturated with Yale that he will stand by Yale everywhere and any time, will give his last cent for Yale will give his position on a team willingly to another if he thinks Yale will profit thereby, will allow someone else to make the touch-down as long as there is one made. It refuses to let money, rank, society, anything, put in a poorer man for a better one when the good of Yale is concerned. The Acadia spirit at Acadia is the Yale spirit at Yale. It does not always win, but it never gives up until the whistle blows.

The seat of the religious life at Yale is Dwight Hall, the headquarters of the University, Y. M. C. A. This Hall is a fine stone building, containing a large assembly room, library, secretary's of fice, reading room, and rooms for each class for prayer-meetings. There is a branch association for the Sheffield Scientific School, and the Yale Mission in one of the lowest portions of the city is conducted by the students, and is under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A. officers. At Dwight Hall bible study and class prayer-meetings are held once a week, and a general religious meeting addressed by some clergyman takes place every Sunday evening in the assembly room all of which are well attended. In the Academic department attendance at morning prayers and Sunday services is compulsory.

Many customs, some of which have developed into laws, are a part of Yale's history, and are all rigidly enforced. The Freshmen chafe under the following :

Not to smoke pipes on the street or Campus.

Not to carry a cane before Washington's birthday.

Not to dance at the Junior Promenade.

Not to talk to upper classmen about College secret societies.

Not to study, read, or sleep during the chapel exercises.

Not to sit on the fence unless the Freshmen nine wins the baseball game from the Harvard Freshmen.

The Seniors alone are allowed to bow to the President as he passes down the aisle after morning chapel, and they alone have the privilege of playing ball and spinning tops on the College Campus—the rectangle enclosed by the College buildings.

There are yearly customs invariably carried out, such as tapping for Senior societies, Senior Class day exercises, bottle night, the