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alumni opinion which may be of help to the authorities in Cambridge.

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In the autumn of 1936—within about two years of the time this is written—Harvard will observe the 300th Anniversary of her founding. From the beginning Harvard men have played an important part in helping to solve the many serious problems which from time to time have faced this country. Five of them have been Presidents of the United States, two of these active members of the Club. Credit for their ability to be of public service has always been readily attributed in large measure by Harvard men to that “peculiar spirit and influence of Cambridge education” which not only started them on the road to sound thinking, but imbued them with a conception of life and human relations which has stood them in good stead both in their private pursuits and in their efforts to be of use to their communities and the nation.

For the next few years the country will again be passing through a period of exceptional trial and strain. Such a period calls for the best efforts of all educated men. Experience has shown that such efforts are immeasurably strengthened in any community where there are provided suitable places in which men of similar tastes and intellectual background may foregather, not primarily for any formal purposes, but for the satisfactions to be derived from the preservation of cherished associations and the informal interchange of ideas.

It was in this spirit that the Harvard Club of New York City was organized and has carried on for nearly seventy years.

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