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"SCIENCE AND IDEALISM."

Professor Hinman at Convocation Yesterday.

Professor Hinman spoke on "Science and Idealism" at Convocation yesterday and told of the thought movements of the present as results of the past and the characterizing influential forces of the nineteenth century.

There are two potent forces which mould life, he said; the first one is natural science. To this is due much beneficence, for it has increased creative power in man, shielded homes from disease and death and, aside from this utilitarian standpoint, has opened a wonder world of romance and truth. The free quest of truth has a relish of its own which rewards the devotee.

During the last fifty years science has gone farther than in all the milleniums which preceded it. Every science is now organized; it analyzes and treats every question. The standard of excellence has advanced as is shown by the remarkable growth of universities. Every alert man wants to come under the eye of expert science. This change was swift and apparent, and the sceptre passed from the church to the university. The balance has been upset in the world of intellectual culture, but in time the masses will judge as the leaders judge.

The second great influence was the rich development of idealism, largely the work of German metaphysicians. These masters were largely unknown, but their works live and are known. In all lists of the ten most influential books of the last one hundred years, is Drawin's book on Species, and in one-half of the lists Haegel's Logic is to be found. Political freedom and many religious ideas drew their inspiration from idealism. The realism of the modern writer is the spirit of genuine idealism.

The central thought of philosophic idealism is that the world is a unity. Light and darkness differ, also heat and cold, but they are only relative, not final. Many wrongly suppose that matter is a static and inert mass not

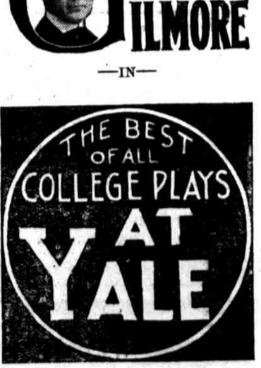
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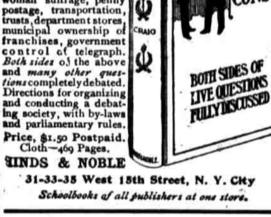
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to be compared with the riches of the mind. We are not drawing down spiritual things to a common level when we say God is the genuine truth of all matter. The world is unity and God its essence, but it does not stop there, for agnostics got that far. The something more which is recognized is the presence in human life of a factor not resulting from natural environment, but from the depths of our being and from all being. Life is more than a natural phenomenon.

No single influence exists in science except the ideal of truth. Knowledge arises from experience and as all truths are relative to absolute truth, so all moral values are relative to good. Science accounts for every detail, is mechanical thru and thru, with no thought for culture, but philosophy while the unity of the sciences inquires into validity and truth. -

WEIDENSALL TALKS.

Traveler and Writer Speaks to University Men.

Perhaps one of the most distinguished men that addressed a University audience this year was Mr. Robert Weidensall, one of the international Y. M. C. A. secretaries, who spoke to University men about his recent trip around the world, at five o'clock yesterday.

He spoke at length about his travels