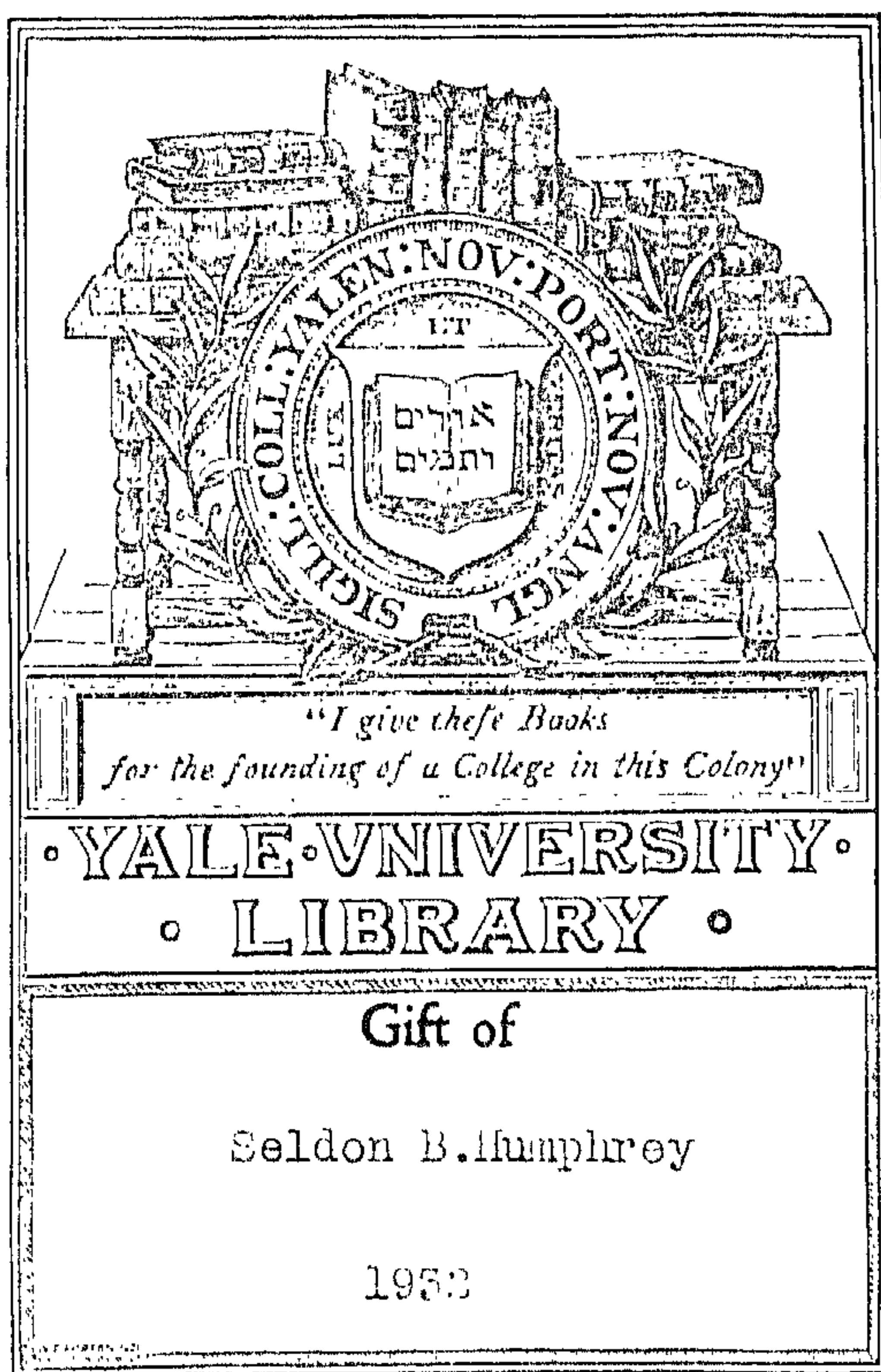




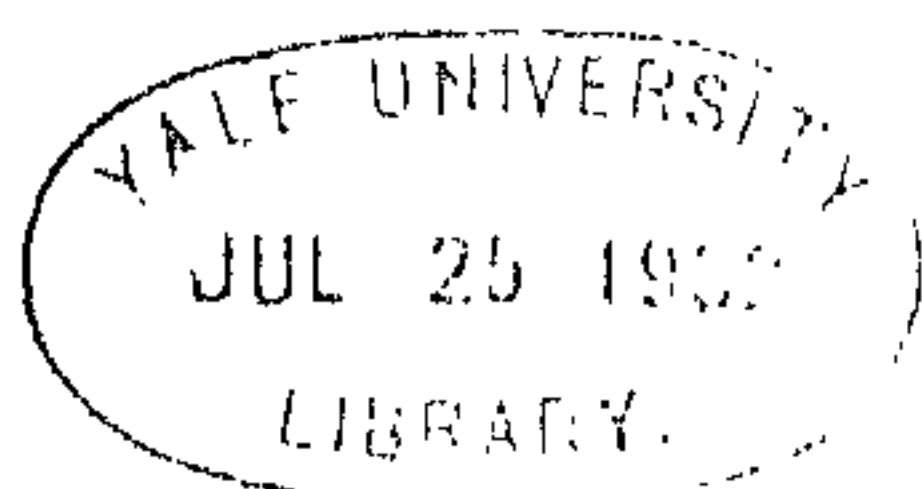
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## A Rich Boy

OH, my!" said Ben. "I wish I was rich and could have things like some of the boys that go to school."

"I say, Ben," said his father, turning around quickly, "how much will you take for your legs?"

"For my legs?" said Ben, in surprise.

"Yes! What do you use them for?"

"Why, I run and jump and play ball, and—oh, everything."

"That's so," said the father. "You wouldn't take ten thousand dollars for them, would you?"

"No, indeed!" answered Ben, smiling.

"And your arms—I guess you wouldn't take ten thousand dollars for them, would you?"

"No, sir."

"And your voice. They tell me you sing quite well, and I know you talk a little bit. You wouldn't part with that for ten thousand, would you?"

"No, sir?"

"Your hearing and your sense of taste are better than five thousand dollars apiece at the very least; don't you think so?"

"Yes, sir."

"Your eyes, now. How would you like to have fifty thousand dollars and be blind the rest of your life?"

"I wouldn't like it at all."

"Think a moment, Ben; fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money. Are you very sure you wouldn't sell them for so much?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then they are worth that amount at least. Let's see now," his father went on, figuring on a sheet of paper—"legs, ten thousand; arms, ten; voice, ten; hearing, five; taste, five; good health, ten; and eyes, fifty; that makes a hundred. You are worth one hundred thousand dollars at the very lowest figures, my boy."—*Exchange*.

## Church Inefficiency Uncovered by Interchurch Survey

A COAL-MINING community in Montana, of 2,000 population, with no sort of church building, and which for the last ten years has had only the ministry of summer students and occasional services from ministers of other towns, has been revealed and investigated by the Rural Survey Supervisor for that State in the country-wide survey undertaken by the Interchurch World

Movement of North America. An entirely different condition from this exists in one of the Connecticut counties—a community of six churches for one hundred and fifty people. The purpose of these rural surveys is to find out just what the religious conditions and needs are in this country and then when the facts are known to set about improving them. The rural surveys are under the direction of Dr. Edmund deS. Brunner, of the Moravian Church, and Herman N. Morse, of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. A great variety of under-churched and overchurched communities are being brought to light. From Oklahoma it is reported that in one town of 3,500 population there are fourteen church buildings, fourteen denominations, eight preachers, and only one full-time pastor. In a small town of Iowa we have a striking example of an over-churched community of seven hundred people with eight churches. In contrast with this is a neighboring college town with a population of 1,800, exclusive of the student body of the college, with but two churches. Some startling facts are given in the summaries of which the following covering ten mountain counties of California, is an illustration: Population, 50,000; church members, 1,000, or 2 per cent. of population; registered voters, 17,868; children in public schools, 7,646; children in Sunday-schools, 2,005. In two of these counties no record could be found of an evangelical Sunday-school or church, though there are a few nondescript Sunday-schools. In one of these counties, with a population of 10,000, less than one per cent. of the people are church members, according to all available records. This statistical survey of the religious forces and needs of California was made by the California State Church Federation a few months ago and the results of this survey will be correlated with the Interchurch World Movement Surveys.—*The Christian Century*.

## Great Men of the Bible

Marshal Foch: "The Bible is the best comforter that you can give to an American soldier about to go into battle, to sustain his magnificent ideals and his splendid faith."

Walter Scott, in the last hours of his life: "There is but one book" (the Bible).

Queen Victoria: "The Bible is the secret of England's greatness."

John Quincy Adams: "I have for many years made a practice of reading through the Bible once every year; it is an inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue."

Andrew Jackson: "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."

Abraham Lincoln: "In regard to the great Book, I have only to say that it is the best gift that God has given to man."

Isaac Newton: "I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatever."

William E. Gladstone: "All the wonders of Greek civilization heaped together are less wonderful than is the simple Book of Psalms."

Jean Paul Richter: "The first leaf of the Mosaic record has more weight than all the folios of men and philosophy."—*The Christian*.

## The Eternal Primitive

IN addressing the conference for Indian workers among the Indians, held recently at Wichita, Kansas, under the auspices of the Joint Committee on Indian Missions of the Home Missions Council, Mr. G. E. E. Lindquist, Secretary for Indian work of the Y. M. C. A., called attention to the eternal primitiveness of the American Indian, he said:

The great problem above all others faced perpetually among the American Indians is first of all that they are a primitive people with little conception of organized life other than their tribal ways of doing things; that the work among them must be primarily personal; that the only hope of the coming generations lies in a native leadership; that if we are to hold the young people who come back from school, there must be a program of social Christianity, not simply the teaching of personal salvation, important as that is, and that the material for religious education for a primitive people must be of a sort to meet their needs; to give expression to their thinking, which is concrete and not abstract.

## The Russia of To-day

UNFORTUNATELY, this is in the past. This is Russia of bygone days—before the war and Revolution. The Russia of to-day is entirely different—another Russia, without musicians, without writers, without painters. No, the last may be said to exist still, but they are of another species; I call them "Red Painters," for they recognize no other color than that of crimson blood. *These are the Bolsheviks*. Of this great country of endless riches, country of artists and thinkers, the Bolsheviks have made a woebegone madhouse. Madmen have risen over the land, overwhelmed all those opposing them, and imprisoned them in dungeons. As to all demented, the color of red appeals

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