

to soaring; and thus ballasted there is every ground for expecting President Roosevelt to turn his back to the glory-crowned heights and to travel the safe though prosaic and toilsome path of duty, as will be required of him by the national interests."

The following estimate of Mr. Roosevelt was written during the campaign that made him Vice-President. It is from a Colorado poet in praise of the Rough Rider:

"Now, doff your hat to Teddy, boys, for he's the proper man.
His life has been a triumph since its starting first began.
His pluck and spirit in the days he roamed upon the range
Has builded up a character no circumstance can change.
From a cowboy on the 'round-up' to the Governor of his State
We've always found a man in him that's strictly up to date.
As a daring 'bronco buster,' or a Colonel in command,
We'll greet him with McKinley with an open, hearty hand.
He served his country nobly and fired his faithful boys
With patriotic valor, amid the cannon's noise.
And, as they to him were loyal, in battle's fierce array,
So will the voters prove to be upon election day.
Now doff your hats to Teddy, boys, the man with grit and nerve
In every office that he fills, the people will he serve.
Progression is his policy, no laggard in the race,
He'll lead us on to victory, whatever be the pace."

Theodore Roosevelt is the third graduate of Harvard University to hold the highest honor in the gift of the American people. John Adams and John Quincy Adams were graduated from Harvard. It was in 1825 when J. Q. Adams became president. Now comes Roosevelt. Roosevelt entered Harvard in 1876, when he was eighteen years old. His work in college was characterized by the enthusiasm and earnestness which have become known to all the people as dominant traits of his character in public life.

When he came to the Cambridge college he was a slight lad and not in robust health, but he at once took a judicious and regular interest in athletics and in a little while the effects were apparent in his stalwart figure and redoubled energy. He

wrestled and sparred and ran a great deal, but never indulging in athletic work to the point of injury.

In his studies young Roosevelt was looked upon "as peculiarly earnest and mature in the way he took hold of things," as one of his classmates put it. Ex-Mayor Josiah Quincy, of Boston, who was in college with Roosevelt, says of him:

"He exhibited in his college days most of the traits of character which he has shown in after years and on the larger stage of political life. In appearance and manner he has changed remarkably little in twenty years, and I should say that his leading characteristic in college was the very quality of strenuousness which is now so associated with his public character. In whatever he did he showed unusual energy, and the same aggressive earnestness which has carried so far in later life.

MATURE BEYOND HIS YEARS.

"He exhibited a maturity of character, if not of intellectual development, greater than that of most of his classmates, and was looked upon as one of the notable members of the class—as one who possessed certain qualities of leadership and of popularity which might carry him far in the days to come, if not counterbalanced by impulsiveness in action or obstinacy in adhering to his own ideas. He was certainly regarded as a man of unusually good fighting qualities, of determination, pluck and tenacity.

"If his classmates had been asked in their senior year to pick out the one member of the class who would be best adapted for such a service which he rendered with the Rough Riders in Cuba I think that, almost with one voice, they would have named Roosevelt. Theodore Roosevelt is in many respects as broad and typical an American as the country has produced."

Both his fellows and his teachers say that he was much above the average as a student. He was just as original, just as reliant on his own judgment as he is now. In a mere matter of opinion or of dogma he had no respect for an instructor say-so above his own convictions, and some of his contemporaries in college recall with smiles some very strenuous discussions with teachers in

which he was involved by his habit of defending his own convictions.

At graduation he was one of the comparatively few who took honors, his subject being natural history. When young Roosevelt entered college he developed the taste for hunting and natural history which has since led him so often and so far through field and forest. His rifle and his hunting kit were the most conspicuous things in his room. His birds he mounted himself.

Live turtles and insects were always to be found in his study, and one who lived in the house with him at the time recalls well the excitement caused by a particularly large turtle sent by a friend from the southern seas, which got out of its box one night and started for the bathroom in search for water. Although well toward the top as a student he still had his full share of the gay rout that whiles dull care away. In his sophomore year he was one of the forty men in his class who belonged to the Institute of 1770.

BELONGED TO SEVERAL CLUBS.

In his senior year he was a member of the Porcelain, the Alpha Delta Phi, and the Hasty Pudding Clubs, being secretary of the last named. In the society of Boston he was often seen.

Roosevelt's membership in clubs other than social shows conspicuously the kind of college man he was. In rowing, baseball and foot-ball he was an earnest champion, but never a prominent participant. In the other athletic contests he was often seen. It was as a boxer that he excelled. Boxing was a regular feature of the Harvard contests of that day, and "Teddy," as he was universally called, was the winner of many a bout.

He had his share in college journalism. During his senior year he was one of the editors of the "Advocate." Unlike the other editors, he was not himself a frequent contributor.

The range of his interests is shown by this enumeration of clubs in which he had membership. The Natural History Society, of which he was vice-president; the Art Club, of which Professor Charles Eliot Norton was the president; the Finance Club, the Glee Club (associate member), the Harvard Rifle Corps, the O. K.

Society, of which he was treasurer, and the Harvard Athletic Association, of which he was steward.

Roosevelt's share of class-day honors was membership in the class committee. All who knew Roosevelt in his college days speak of him as dashing and picturesque in his ways and handsome appearance. His photograph, taken at graduation, shows no moustache, but a rather generous allowance of side whiskers.

Although he was near sighted and wore glasses at the time, they do not appear in the photograph. Maturity and sobriety are the most evident characteristics of the countenance. A companion of student days tells a story to show that the future President did things then much as he does them now. A horse in a stable close to Roosevelt's room made a sudden noise one night which demanded instant attention.

BOUNDED FROM AN UPPER WINDOW.

Young Roosevelt was in bed at the time, but he waited not for daytime clothes. Nor did he even wait to go down the steps. He bounded out the second-story window, and had quieted the row before the less impetuous neighbors arrived. It was while in college that he conceived the idea of his history of the American Navy in the War of 1812. This volume was written soon after leaving college. He was not yet twenty-four when it was completed.

In view of the position which the author afterward held, next to the head of the American Navy, the preface, written before the beginning of our present navy, is of striking interest. He says: "At present people are beginning to realize that it is folly for the great English-speaking Republic to rely for defense upon a navy composed partly of antiquated hulks and partly of new vessels rather more worthless than the old."