

YALE IN FOOTBALL.

A Graduate Writes on the Policy Towards Pennsylvania.

(Philadelphia Press)

To the Editor of The Press:

Sir:—The question is occasionally put to me, as a Yale man, whether it is true that those who are responsible for the policy of Yale in the matter of athletics are acting in concert with those of any other institution in a plan to exclude the University of Pennsylvania from the opportunity of fellowship and fair rivalry in athletic contests. Not being in the secrets of the controlling body, and never having attempted to acquire them, the only answer which I can give to such inquiries is that I do not believe the fact to be so.

There are several reasons for reaching this conclusion. One is that there is nothing manly or chivalrous in such an attitude as some attribute to Yale. On the contrary, it strikes me as rather small and puerile—a line of conduct which is not natural to my old College men. It is to be inferred, therefore, that my belief is founded on fact. Nothing that I know of Yale men, of their spirit and behavior toward those of other institutions, would suggest or permit the belief that they are parties to any such movement.

Another reason is that it seems to me that Yale alumni and undergraduates must be wise enough to perceive that they have no more worthy rival than the University of Pennsylvania. Longer and older associations may give an apparent advantage to some other—a difficulty which, if it exists, is capable of easy adjustment, in case the proper temper is shown on all sides—but otherwise it is idle nonsense to deny that, in all points of manly conduct, of strict rules of eligibility of players and honorable compliance with these rules, as well as in skill, the University can hold her head as high as any of her sister institutions.

FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

I have, during past years, seen a good deal of the undergraduates of different universities and colleges, and I have yet to see any marks of inferiority in those who attend the home institution in Philadelphia, whether they live here or come here, as students are doing, in increasing numbers, from various parts of the country. In respect of courteous treatment of men from other colleges, they are worthy of being imitated by some of their contemporaries elsewhere.

To a fair-minded man who is not influenced by partisan considerations or infantile prejudices, there is something amusing in the "I am holier than thou" horror which some college men and others, exhibit at nearly everything done by the men of Pennsylvania.

It is about time that somebody, other than an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania, should call attention to the hypocrisy of such assumed indignation. Every Yale, Harvard, Princeton or Cornell graduate in Philadelphia knows, or ought to know, that the men who are in control of athletic affairs here are as honorable, able and high in tone and purpose as those who occupy similar relations to any one of those institutions.

Personally, it would give me great satisfaction to witness athletic contests between Yale and Pennsylvania. With something of the enthusiasm of the days when I rowed in my class crew, I would try to cheer Yale on to victory, I would consider that she had reason for congratulation if she won, and that she suffered no disgrace if she lost. As a Philadelphian, but with no unfriendly spirit, I would cheer for the University against any other institution than Yale.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION.

Still another reason exists why the policy of Yale ought to be what I have indicated, and it applies equally to some other universities as well.

Yale ought to get a fair share of the students who go away from their homes here for study. She deserves to have them, for they can find no better place to go for that purpose. In every city so large as Philadelphia there must be a varying number of those who for one reason and another

will be sent out of the city for their education. In some cases there will be an obvious advantage to the student in this course. I would like to have Yale get such as go from Philadelphia—as many of them as possible.

It must, however, be admitted that nobody now need go away from Philadelphia for any needful opportunities of a thorough mental training, to say nothing of unsurpassed means of professional discipline. The University, with its large and skilled corps of instructors, its appliances for instruction, its unrivaled Houston Club house, and its unique and most convenient dormitories, offers to students at home as well as from outside of the city facilities and attractions of the highest order. Philadelphians already appreciate this state of facts. If they did not and if they did not take satisfaction and pride therein—whether they are alumni of the University, or citizens generally, or graduates of other colleges or universities living in Philadelphia—they would display a narrow and short sighted interest in what adds to the renown and prosperity of our city.

This local feeling, however, which is already apparent in many ways, will more and more manifest itself to the disadvantage of any institution whose attitude, even in such a relatively trifling matter as athletics, is unfriendly and ungenerous toward the local institution. This is human nature. I trust that it will not be exhibited toward my old alma mater.

Perhaps it may be well to add that I see no reason for changing in any respect what has been written above, because of the defeat of the University by Lafayette on Saturday last. I am not sure that the defeat may not be a good thing for those who lost. Possibly there was a little over-confidence on their part. If I mistake not, some of the other universities have suffered from the same disease, and have been taking the same sort of medicine, in varying doses.

ROBERT M. WILLSON.

New College Rules.

A new system of marks and cuts has been inaugurated with this year's Freshman class, as was described in last week's issue of the Weekly. The rumor has spread through the College that the same system would after the December vacation be applied to all the classes. This, however, is not true for it has been stated by the authorities that such an idea has never been thought of. Should the experiment of the system be found successful with the Freshman class the same rules will be adhered to after December and probably with that class for the rest of the College course, but any class which began with the old system will continue under its rules. There is a possibility that 1901 and the future classes may be subjected to the new system, but nothing definite has yet been decided.

"Sheff." Elective Courses.

The following table shows the number of men in the Senior and Junior elective courses in the Scientific School:—

Class.	Geology	Natural History	Chemistry	Biology	Electrical Engineering	Civil Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Select Course
Seniors	62	28	36	23	15	17	1	1
Juniors	41	38	21	12	10	12	0	0
	103	66	57	35	25	29	1	1

Formation of a Hockey Club.

A meeting of the men who played on the Yale Hockey team last year was held on Monday evening. A temporary organization of the club was affected and the following officers elected: A. S. Barnes, '97S, temporary captain; J. A. Hall, '97S, temporary manager. The club is considering the advisability of making a trip during the Christmas vacation. Games will probably be played in New York, Pittsburg, Baltimore and Washington, and other cities as can be arranged.

The team was first formed last winter and several games were played in Canada and New York. M. G. Chace, '96S, was captain of the team.

Record of Yale Football Teams.

Yale's record in football and her scores against Princeton since 1883 are given below:—

Year.	Total Points made	Total points By opponents	Yale	Princeton
1883.....	467	6	0	0
1884.....	501	4	0	0
1885.....	366	11	0	0
1886.....	689	4	0	0
1887.....	513	12	0	0
1888.....	690	0	10	0
1889.....	665	39	0	10
1890.....	442	12	32	0
1891.....	490	0	19	0
1892.....	433	0	12	0
1893.....	336	12	0	6
1894.....	420	4	24	0
1895.....	316	38	20	10
Totals....	6328	138	150	36

The Connecticut Interscholastic Football Championship was won by the New Britain H. S. eleven on Saturday by defeating the Meriden H. S. 30-6. The winners will hold the Yale cup for one year.

During the last ten years Yale has scored 4,343 points to her opponents' 148.

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