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HARVARD AND YALE.

The vote Monday night, on the willingness of the undergraduates to authorize their officers to resume athletic relations with Harvard, was as emphatic as anyone wishing to see this accomplished could desire. While nothing is yet made public as to the definite terms of agreement which is proposed, there is no doubt that it is now in the minds and purposes of the authorities of both Universities to bring Harvard and Yale again together in all lines of athletics, and on as broad and fair and stable a basis as it is possible to arrange. We doubt if the two universities have entered into negotiations for any athletic arrangement with better spirit than that in which they now undertake their work. In so far as the separation has allowed this to come about, by so much is one's regret lessened that these two natural rivals have had a falling out.

While the undergraduates did not know definitely what the plan of reunion was, it was evident that they did not care what the details were. Their unanimous vote showed the feeling here towards Harvard, and was an evidence of the confidence felt in their various athletic officers, and perhaps even more so in those older men who advise with them and through whose offices the present reconciliation has been made possible.

We believe that, if the Harvard undergraduate body has the opportunity to express its opinion, its decision will be as cordially in favor of reunion as was the decision of this University. The Harvard Crimson has answered in kind the expressions of good will voiced in the News, and everything seems favorable for a most propitious outcome. There has never been any question about the natural friendship between Yale and Harvard, and even at the most disagreeable point of the late unpleasantness, no sane man doubted that they must come together again in a comparatively short time.

The Faculty of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute have suspended twelve men until Christmas for taking part in the McKinley bonfire on Flag Day.

THE COACHES.

Newspapers cannot be infallible. No reasonable man of a decent disposition allows himself to get excited over slight aberrations, almost inevitable under all the conditions concerning the gathering, preparation and printing of the day's news. It does seem, however, as if a little more careful scrutiny of college news would be worth the while on the part of the journals which have, in other respects, reputations for veracity and common sense.

As a case in point, we notice on the athletic page of one of the most reliable of New York papers, the intelligent suggestion that Yale was not as successful this year in football, because there were too many coaches. The idea certainly does not lack the merit of novelty, and if the brain out of which it was evolved is the brain of a sane man, it is the brain of a genius. Of course the writer was not ignorant of his subject and did not write only to say something. Such a suggestion is inconsiderate. When the father of this idea completes his investigation of Yale's football problem he ought to indulge in a little recreation.

If anything on the subject of Yale's coaching this year is to be said seriously and sanely, it should be in commendation of those who were with the eleven, and who did such splendid work with the material at hand, and also in way of regret that more coaches were not back in the earlier part of the season. The number of men who were actually here was perhaps large for any college except Yale, but here we have learned to expect, having seen so much of the devotion of those men who have helped to win victories in the past, that a captain of the eleven should not lack all the instruction which the best players of Yale's past can give. A coach for every position, and that, too, a man who had been pre-eminent in that position, is not too much for the development of the best football eleven. Such a supply of teachers Yale has had in the past. It has only been necessary to ask them to come. They have never wanted any greater compensation than the satisfaction of helping to produce the best eleven of which Yale is capable.

We have already spoken of those who were here this year, and who worked hard and worked well. Mr. Tompkins came up, and it is always hard for him to leave his business. Mr. Knapp was frequently over, and Mr. Wallace, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Heffelfinger, Mr. Bull, Mr. Bliss and Mr. Beecher were on the field from time to time, and gave a great deal of help, and constantly at work in consultation and as often at actual coaching as business made it possible, was Mr. Camp of this city.

And it is not without full appreciation of the work of all of these that we say that of all those who returned to New Haven, the greatest credit is due and the most gratitude felt towards Dr. Hartwell, who was constantly with the men for three weeks before the last game. In this work his vacation for the year was entirely used. He has the satisfaction of knowing that the outcome of the season does not diminish the high regard of those who have watched his work and have known its great value.

And as for the idea that the coaches interfered with one another, it is simply ridiculous. There is at least one department of Yale athletics where all coaches and all players work in perfect harmony, and that is football.

UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB.

Services of a Coach Obtained.
The Intercollegiate Tournament.

The University Chess Club has engaged the services of Major Hannam of New York to coach the team until the close of the Fall term. Major Hannam is one of the best players in New York, and will not only coach the team which will enter the Intercollegiate Chess Tournament, but any members of the club who apply to him. The coaching is a new feature, and it is expected to greatly increase the strength of the team. Yale has not heretofore made a very good showing in the tournament.

The club is in a very prosperous condition, and many students have become interested in the game. It holds weekly meetings, together with the Whist Club, in the rooms of the Yale Union in Alumni Hall.

The team of two to enter the Intercollegiate Tournament will be chosen from the winners of the tournament which is now being held. The final round has been reached by the following men: F. A. Lehlbach, '98; S. Gilman, '99; W. M. Murdock, '98 S.; H. C. Robbins, '99; F. C. Cook, 1900, and Arvine, '98 L. S.

The Intercollegiate Tournament will be held at the Columbia Grammar School, New York, from December 27 to January 3. Princeton, Yale, Harvard and Columbia will each enter a team of two men. A cup donated by graduates of the four colleges is contested for. Columbia and Harvard have each won the tournament twice. Yale's best showing was in 1894-95, when she tied for second place with Princeton.

The Yale Review.

The Yale Review for November has a number of particularly timely economic discussions. L. G. Powers of St. Paul writes on "Gold and the Prices of the Products of the Farm;" F. J. Stimson of Boston, on "Recent Economics and Social Legislation in the United States;" T. N. Carver of Oberlin College, on the "Shifting of Taxes," and Edward Porritt of Farmington, Conn., on "Recent Legislation in England." W. H. Tolman of New York has a paper on for "A Century of Improved Housing Efforts by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor." On the subject of "Bimetallism," President Francis A. Walker and Professor Farnam are contributors. The editorial comment touches European ideas of American politics, and the literature of the recent campaign. The subjects of the notes are: "The History of the Negro in the United States;" "The Negro Question;" "The Connecticut State Reformatory;" "Alexis' Monetary Situation;" "Advanced Study in Political Science;" "Insurance Against Unemployment;" "Socialistic Congresses;" "Schafer's 'Bau und Leben des Socialen Koerpers';" and "The Recent Congress of Criminal Anthropologists."

The editors of the Yale Review are Professors Henry W. Farnam, Arthur T. Hadley, W. F. Blackman, E. G. Bourne, John C. Schwab and Irving Fisher. It is published by Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor of this city.

In the College Pulpit.

The schedule of preachers for the present fall term has been announced as follows:

December 6—Rev. A. H. Merriam, of Hartford.

December 13—Rev. J. H. Twichell, of Hartford.

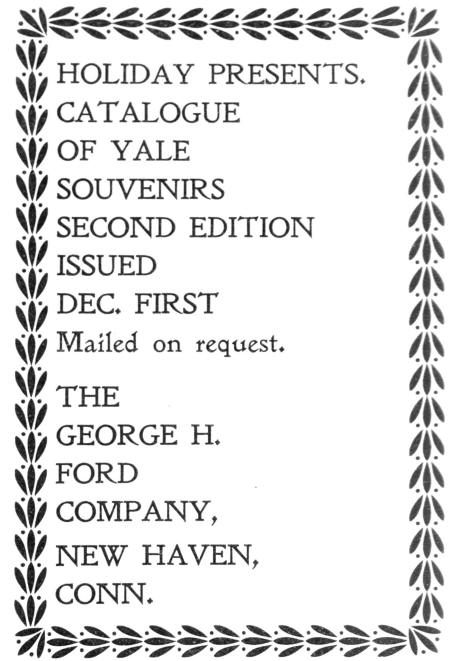
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