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YALE AND NEW HAVEN.

The Evening Leader recently printed with a good deal of flourish an article purporting to indicate an animosity on the part of the financial management of Yale University towards the business portion of New Haven. The incident suggesting the publication was the attempt now being made to compel Yale to pay taxes on a certain part of its property. In the article it was said that only a few years ago a very large sum was placed in local securities, but that this had been slowly withdrawn until the amount of Yale money loaned hereabouts was very small. It was intimated that the feeling between New Haven and Yale was not improved by such a policy as Yale was alleged to be pursuing, and that the outcome of the attempt to tax Yale depended not a little on the strength of this local prejudice against the University. Like most articles of its kind, the further it proceeded the less justification there seemed for the head lines and the introduction. It was finally frankly admitted that the reduction by Yale of New Haven investments from \$800,000 a few years ago to less than \$200,000 at present (to quote the figures of the Leader) was simply due to the desire of the University to get a higher rate of interest than New Haven borrowers would pay. The Register has taken up the cudgels for Yale and declares the attack an unworthy one, and simply a part of the effort to create ill will toward Yale. It asks only to have Yale left alone.

We are not disturbed over the agitation. If it did not confess its own weakness it would still be far from formidable. At the same time, we must admit that it suggests a point in Yale's policy which is not well cared for, in our humble opinion. Yale and New Haven are not close enough together. There is every reason why the feeling between them should be one of mutual good will at the least, if not of enthusiastic devotion to each other's interests. Anybody can see, that, on the one hand,

it is of the greatest advantage to any community to have located in it such an institution as Yale, and, on the other hand, that the University is very much hampered if it does not enjoy the good-will and receive the co-operation of the municipality in all its efforts to improve its plant and equipment. The interests are so distinctly mutual that it seems a pity that the feeling is not more strong. We do not mean that there is ill-will. Sensible people of New Haven appreciate Yale and Yale men and Yale's officers generally show an appreciation of the fact that they are a part of the city of New Haven. But it would seem very easy to make this tie which, by nature, is strong, very much stronger, so that any act of animosity on the part of one side towards the other would be entirely out of the question.

We would not want Yale, threatened with an enormous tax assessment, to seek in any way to curry favor with the powers that be. We hope she will fight this direct attack on her resources with all the strength in her power and without yielding in any point out of fear. But that is only an incident in the situation.

A few days ago it was announced that the citizens of Baltimore had given outright nearly \$250,000, just to help Johns Hopkins out of the difficulties in which it is temporarily placed. Would such a thing, or anything like it, happen here, under similar circumstances. If not, why not?

THE PUNISHMENT OF CRIBBING.

The Harvard Crimson doubts the wisdom of the plan adopted by the authorities there for the punishment of cheating at examinations. There is no attempt on the part of the Crimson to extenuate the crime, or to make it seem any less dishonorable than it in fact is. The point at which it declines to endorse the action of the Administrative Board, is that part of the plan which contemplates the publication of the names of those who are discovered cheating in an examination. It says:—

"The Administrative board may have the legal right to publish to the world the names of those who break the rules, but it has not, we believe, the moral right. The man who is thus punished will have his College life ruined and may have the first few years of his life after leaving College severely injured. If the authorities wish to weed out from the list of its members those who are dishonest, the best way, the just way, is to expel the offenders at once and for all, but not to thrust their faults upon the whole University and upon the outside world into which they must enter."

We would not be inclined to criticize the details of any scheme undertaken to root out this evil. The publicity given to the crime will be, we believe, a most effectually deterring influence. There is always a disposition to shield from the public gaze those who have first committed some evil, and newspaper offices are daily besieged to keep from the record of the police court the name of this or that man or woman who has fallen for the first time into the hands of the law. It is always a questionable exercise of clemency to yield to these requests. The way to keep one's name out of the police court record is to keep out of the police court, and the harder it is for any one who reaches there, the less often will people travel in that direction.

It is undoubtedly true that a good deal of dishonorable work in examination has not been appreciated by those who have committed it, so dulled has been their sensibility by the amount of sophistry with which this thing has been shielded. But college students are not the ones among whom an offense against honor is to be excused on the ground of carelessness.

It is of course true that the reform of this evil will not be successful, until the student body appreciates the evil. We believe such efforts as these planned at Harvard will be a powerful educating influence in this direction.

NOTES ON FOOTBALL.

The end of the season's play in football has brought the usual discussion of the rules of the game. There is unusual unanimity of expression in favor of a more open game. The last amendments to the rules aimed largely at this, but have yet, however, succeeded only partially in their purpose.

Indeed, in some respects they are entirely inoperative. It takes a good team and very skillful work to develop a play like a tandem, with such perfection as, for instance, the Princeton eleven showed in the game with Yale, while the mass plays of Pennsylvania in the last half of her game with Harvard also indicated a high order of skill and strength. At the same time, this style of play does tend to make football a pushing game, with too much depending on avoirdupois, and to lessen the chances for the skill and agility of lighter players. Mr. Whitney in Harper's Weekly recommends an increase in the distance to be gained in four downs, making it ten instead of five yards. A good team, fairly trained in pushing plays, can make the five yards quite regularly. To make ten is very much harder. A stout resistance against one or two plays would almost invariably force a kick, an end play, or a long pass, or some other device, more open and more interesting and on the whole more worthy of this splendid game. The recommendation seems a reasonable one.

Outing for this month also strongly condemns the extreme use of mass plays, and favors rules to restrict them. It is to be hoped, and we think reasonably, that some improvement in this line will be shown next season.

The review of the football elevens of the different schools as printed in the last Weekly showed one result which quite surprised us. It will be remembered that rather more than half of the players who graduate next year from these schools are coming to Yale. This is interesting enough as a fact but we do not attach any particular significance to it in forecasting next year's eleven. Preparatory school reputations do not necessarily forecast athletic strength. It would be pleasant enough to find that Yale was able next Fall to develop an eleven of strength out of new material. Such teams are always most interesting because the unexpected is more liable to happen while freshness and ambition give a particular dash to the play. But this is looking a long way ahead.

The University Athletic Club was never interested in a more wholesome measure than the one in which it is now occupied. We refer to the investigation of the subject of New York football, or to put it a little differently the determination of its officers to have no more New York football as far as Yale and Princeton go. We shall be very much interested in the report of the Committee and in the steps that are taken to make the annual Princeton-Yale contest one of a more distinctly University character, and one which those most interested can have a fair chance to witness.

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