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THE HARVARD AGREEMENT.

There is no use in trying to express at any length the feeling which is universal in the Yale family over the ratification of the treaty of peace with Harvard's athletic management. Things are now simply as they always should be, and as they always would have been if the desires of the great majority in both colleges and in both graduate lists could be always and at once effective. Whatever one's opinion of the incident which separated Yale and Harvard, or the responsibility for the alienation, the opinion was held without dissent that nothing had happened which could justify the separation.

There is always a compensation, and the great enthusiasm with which the two universities meet again is of course largely the result of their discontent over this forced separation, and in so far as it promises the conduct of their future relations on a more liberal basis, and in a more thorough spirit of fair play and sport for sport's sake, by so much the separation will have been proved a blessing in disguise.

The provision of the board of appeal, which should be constituted from men of the highest standing at both Harvard and Yale, is perhaps the most valuable feature of the new regime. It makes almost impossible any serious breach.

As to the boating program, in which we are still left in some doubt, we believe that the issue will be satisfactory. One cannot have any serious objection to meeting another college on the water, when it is understood that Yale meets such college incidentally and not as a part of a plan to contest indefinitely the claim of superiority. We wish that such institutions as Cornell, who have from time to time expressed a desire to meet Yale, which has not been satisfied, could see more clearly than we believe they do, the reasons for Yale's unwillingness to enter into permanent athletic relations with these colleges. It is simply a physical necessity to restrict the principal athletic contests to one, or at most two rivals, whom

location and previous relations with us indicate as our natural antagonists. Without overdoing athletics, no college can meet all the good crews of the East, nor all the good football teams, nor all the good baseball nines. It is possible for all the colleges to come together in track events, and very pleasant.

However, with the understanding clear that it is for the time being, and only as an incident of a necessary program, to meet such a worthy aquatic foe as Cornell would be a pleasure. Should Yale win from her, Yale men would be pleased, but this University would not thereby make claims to any particular superiority. Should Cornell win, no one would begrudge her all the satisfaction which it would bring her.

A CONVENTION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

A letter from Yale '66 published today will, we hope, result in something more than an interesting reading of it by the alumni. It is no disparagement of the work of the alumni associations to say that the zeal and devotion, which they express whenever occasion offers to their Alma Mater has never been directed as effectively in practical assistance to the institution as it might reasonably be expected it would be. This does not, by any means, include all associations, but is a statement that is generally true. The national convention to organize and direct the energy in practical lines would be, it seems to us, a most valuable step.

THE SIGNERS.

The fact that their names were attached to the final instrument is not in itself sufficient ground for especial congratulations to Dr. William A. Brooks, of Harvard, and Mr. Walter Camp, of Yale. Signers are not always the men who make ready the important thing signed. In this case, however, it was so, and the signers of the compact were, for all practical purposes, the makers thereof.

One of these signers and framers happens to be the associate editor of this paper. Never mind. It is not always necessary to consider the personal feelings of such an officer or indeed to pay any attention to him. It is necessary to give the history of such an important matter as the reconciliation of Harvard and Yale, and it is a privilege which the WEEKLY refuses to abandon, out of any false sense of modesty, to emphasize the way in which this good thing was accomplished.

Dr. Brooks and Mr. Camp have done an unusual service for their respective universities. It is not necessary to say that they alone could have brought about this result. It is not necessary to say much about it. They did it. They practically "did the trick" twice, and in the opinion of those who watched with care the long negotiations after the first paper, drawn by these gentlemen, had failed of confirmation, the final salvation of the whole matter, in a compact so eminently fair and reasonable, was a far greater achievement than the first understanding reached between them.

It is without prejudice to the services of many on both sides, both graduate and undergraduate, who co-operated in this matter, that so much credit is given to these two men. It is true that some conditions were very favorable. The students and graduates of both universities wanted the agreement almost to a man. But that does not mean anything, necessarily, when it comes to

making agreements. You can make fun of intercollegiate diplomatic difficulties, but they are very real things.

The whole incident is, by the way, an interesting study in the management of inter-collegiate athletics.

A MEXICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

It takes a close and anxious memory to set forth any instances of the decrease or collapse of Yale alumni associations. He who runs may read every season the story of some new association formed in territory not before fully occupied by an organization. On irregular occasions Yale men do get together even in foreign countries, but we believe the proposed formation of a Mexican Alumni Association is something rather unique. We wish it all possible success. May it be an effective member of the army already highly organized and infused with a magnificent spirit, though not often campaigning on the aggressive.

A BREAK.

The Bachelor of Arts has a great many excellent things, and most of the things are so. It will take a great many things that are both excellent, and are so, to make up for such a slip as occurs in its editorial notes of February. Perhaps it is well to reproduce the entire paragraph:—

"The profound seriousness with which athletics are taken at Yale is shown in the condemnation of a team of football players using the name of Yale in a Southern trip during the Christmas holidays. They were Yale students, and they did not pretend to call themselves the 'Varsity team. We can see no harm in their amusing themselves in playing football as they pleased, with whom they pleased. But though they succeeded very well, they were mercilessly pounced upon by Harper's Weekly and the Yale News, as if they had been out on an expedition for the avowed purpose of slinging mud at their Alma Mater."

The "profound seriousness" referred to is the seriousness with which Yale men guard the good name of the University, to confound which with a merely sensitive regard for Yale's athletic reputation shows carelessness of fact, lack of observation and flippancy. An attitude like this is a fit preface for the clear misstatement at both ends of the second sentence of the paragraph. The eleven was not an eleven of Yale students. Only one was connected with the University, and only four had ever had any such connection. They were advertised broadcast as the Yale eleven. Sentence number three is as irrelevant as its predecessors are untrue. The conclusion of this pathetically complete break of the Bachelor of Arts is consistent. It is a wonder that anyone objected to this performance! To be sure. The Football Association should have supplied this band with men and means for an indefinite junket, rather than that anyone should have criticised.

Bronze Tablet for Brown.

The Rhode Island Society of Sons of the American Revolution has presented Brown University with a large bronze tablet, which has been placed in the northwestern corner of University Hall. The tablet commemorates the occupation of that building by the Patriotic forces and their French allies during the Revolutionary War. For six years all academic work of the University was suspended. The Faculty, students and undergraduates, with hardly an exception, were engaged in the service of their country.

The University Glee Club of New York City, composed of college graduates, will give its second concert of the season on Thursday, April 29th, in the Macison Square Garden Concert Hall.

Steins or : : : Cankards.

In FLEMISH WARE decorated in colors, GERMAN WARE, brown DOULTON, blue with College Seal Growlers "Here's to good old Yale" are shown by THE GEORGE H. FORD COMPANY.

In the College Pulpit.

The following preachers will occupy the College pulpit during the winter term:

- February 21—Rev. William K. Hall, D. D., pastor of First Presbyterian church of Newburgh, N. Y. February 28—Rev. Alexander McKenzie, pastor of Shepard Memorial church of Cambridge, Mass. March 7—Rev. Prof. Robert Ellis Thompson, of Philadelphia. March 14—Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich, of Orange, N. J. March 21—President M. W. Stryker, of Hamilton College. March 28—Rev. Henry A. Stimson, of New York City.

John D. Wombacher, '97, has been elected captain of the University of Michigan eleven for next Fall.

The Yale basket ball team was defeated by the Twenty-third Street Branch of the Y. M. C. A., Saturday night, February 13, by a score of 26-3.

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