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## THE NEXT WEEKLY.

The next issue of the YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY will be on June 22. The succeeding and last issue of the present volume will be sent out immediately after Commencement.

## THAT GAME.

It may be possible for Yale only to be joyous over the game of last Saturday, but it is hard to discriminate in offering congratulations to the contesting teams. Other things being equal, Yale should have won, and the persistent fight of Princeton against a heavily adverse score at the very start was thoroughly characteristic of the spirit of Nassau and makes one of that College's best records. On the other hand, Yale made that nice lead by excellent and sturdy batting, such as delights the soul, and then, having lost that lead, and, by all human calculations the game, recovered both by just the kind of thing that glorifies athletics—if we may speak in the spirit of Saturday afternoon—and makes these College contests the finest sport that is offered a sport-loving people from one year's end to another. Mr. Keator and his men must be reasonably sure of the congratulations of this University. Let us take pains to assure Mr. Wilson and his coadjutors that we have feelings of most respectful admiration for them. We believe them fully good enough for all the purposes of wholesome and exciting sport.

## CRIBBING.

To our mind the strongest point about the paper from Mr. Clark, published last week, is his call for recognition of the evil of cheating. It is not possible for us to see how anything of this sort can be treated in any other way than by directly facing it and admitting its presence. There seems to be more or less of a tendency here, among those who recognize that cheating is cheating, to avoid admitting that there is enough of it to take any decided steps to eradicate it. Just so long as it is at all hushed up, so long will such action on the part of the Faculty be construed as winking at the theory, which some students actually seriously hold, that it is a justifiable weapon in

the warfare between the students and instructors. It is true that the punishment is quite severe when one is detected in the act, but is not severe enough, nor is the effect of it on the rest of the community marked enough for the purpose of discipline.

Some time ago the Weekly printed the report of Dean Briggs of Harvard on the means taken there to eliminate this evil, a report which was very thorough and demonstrated, more clearly than we have seen elsewhere, the curse of the double standard of honor. It is not natural for college students to do anything which is essentially dishonest, and once the real nature of this practice is admitted, the same standard may be looked for in the relations of the student and Faculty as now exists between student and student. It is better to err on the safe side. The training which college gives should send a young man into the world with a finer and stronger sense of honor than is usually met among men. The Lord knows that the pressure which will come on him in almost any relation in life to make that standard flexible will be strong enough to require the most nearly impregnable armor that education can give.

## AS TO CHEERING.

In the comfortableness of the occasion, it is less unpleasant to consider some ways in which we might be still more comfortable, even when home runs do not come so opportunely.

There is too much cheering at our athletic contests. Nobody wants to discourage enthusiasm; no one has, rightly, any regard for throats. A college or university that doesn't back up its teams does not deserve to win. But there is plenty of opportunity for cheering which simply nerves the side for which the support is given, and which not only does not seek to rattle the opponents, but avoids the danger of doing so. Cheering a baseball game offers the most ideal illustration. The more of it the better while the teams come on the field and while they are practicing for the game. As much of it as you please, as a correspondent says elsewhere, while the sides are changing between the innings. The more that comes out spontaneously in appreciation of an earned score by your team or a good play, the better. But cheering while the play is in progress is out of order. You cannot draw the line and say it is simply meant to support your team. If the numbers in support of one team predominate, as they always do, in favor of the home team, the fact is, and it can't be avoided, that the support of the team is always an attack upon the opposing team, an attack upon their nerve and spirit just at a time when everything depends upon the condition of the player's nerve.

In the case of a game on neutral ground, when things are about equal, the cheering of one offsets the other. This is almost always the case in large football games. But that is very different from baseball. The work is so fast and the men are so absorbed and taken up in their struggle that the opposing roarings count for little. And it is true that, at a contest in baseball, for instance, on neutral grounds, the supporters on each side are apt to be in equal numbers and one does about as well as the other in noise. But then the result is that the lungs of one offset the lungs of the other, and no advantage comes to either side, while the fine points of the game are undoubtedly interfered with.

Of course, it is a great thing for a player to pass through such fiery furnaces as those into which he is nowadays cast. If his nervous system is not singed and he keeps a fairly intelligent idea of his own whereabouts, he proves himself of rare metal. But the contest is a severe enough one under any circumstances, and a point not to be forgotten is that you want the conditions of the game just as fair as possible, to the end that you may get the most

skillful and plucky work on both sides and that the best team may win. There has been a vast improvement in the way cheering is done, but it still tends to the idea of rattling rather than purely encouraging, and, in so far, is bad.

It is especially to be desired that the supporters of the home team should do everything in their power to give the visiting team the best opportunities to show what they can do. It is a great deal better to err on the side of a hospitable repression of one's feeling than to take an unfair advantage. We do not think the spirit of the cheering on Saturday was in any sense unfair, but the practical effect of all that continuous work (which is carried on as much by the supporters of one as by the other) is in the wrong direction, and on a wrong principle.

The singing of a certain class of battle songs by the supporters of the home team is not exactly in the line of the highest spirit of intercollegiate chivalry. It is a very questionable view of collegiate courtesy. Bingo and the paeon which indicates the purpose of twisting the tiger's tail, are both very pleasant means of letting off one's feelings on some occasions, but they are not appropriate at an intercollegiate match where Yale is the host.

Cambridge University, in its recent lively times on the occasion of voting on the question of woman's degrees had a taste of the pleasure of seeing itself figure in the newspaper fiction of the day. There are just those creatures in England, evidently, there are in this country—those who live by writing and printing large lies. Yale enjoys their attention occasionally. The Cambridge Review is very meek about it, thus:

"It is doubtless owing to the misfortune of being pent up within the narrow bounds of academic life that we suffer from an obsolete prejudice in favor of preserving some relation between a narrative and the facts on which it is presumably based. The correspondents of the London papers, who honored us on Friday last, are to be congratulated on broader views of the nature of evidence. Yet even in the search for picturesque detail and yet more laudable aim of suggesting evil of one's opponents, it should be possible to write an account of things that happened without conveying quite erroneous impressions. The short narrative in the Times was admirable, and the Standard showed that it is possible to describe the victory of one's adversaries without misstatements or misleading insinuations. But the Standard, though it was on the side of the angels, had, like ourselves, some taint of the truth-lover. Other accounts were more spirited."

The undergraduates of Yale are more than even in favor of making a four-year course for "Sheff." Think of that home run in the tenth if you doubt it. Think of a few other men who do things on the diamond and the water and the football field. Five or six would doubtless be voted better than three.

## University Buys Land on York Street.

The University has just purchased, for \$60,000, the property at the corner of York and Library Streets extending from the Yale Dining Hall on Library to the Heaton estate, which stands next to Pierson Hall on York Street. The property includes the houses at 7 and 9 Library Street, and 231 and 233 York Street, as well as the old Morse homestead at 237 York Street. By the acquisition of this property, Yale comes into possession of nearly the entire square bounded by York, Elm, High and Library Streets. The only properties not owned by the University are the Heaton house on York Street, and the Mansfield estate on Elm Street, beginning at York and running down to the Peabody Museum. The estate just purchased has a frontage of 133 feet on York Street and extends back 181 feet on Library.

The houses have been rented to their present occupants and it has not yet been decided definitely what use will be made of the newly acquired property.

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