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## YALE'S GUEST.

Princeton is our guest next Saturday. Yale has even more of an opportunity off the gridiron, than on it. In points of hospitality, may she roll up a heavy score against the visitors. A welcome to Princeton!

## THE YALE ELEVEN.

A tie football game has an advantage. One can express his feelings without such reservation as comes from a generous consideration for the vanquished, and unhampered by the quite as binding regulations for those who lose. So let us speak our minds about the game; for we must talk football in the third week of November, however we may yearn to provide such a diet as will seem properly nourishing to most exacting "oldsters."

Under ordinary conditions we should not be too well pleased with such an exhibition as was given by the Yale eleven at Cambridge. Some things must be written of it which do not consist with the Yale standards of the sport—standards of thoroughness and finish and perfect coöperation, which, when held high, make the game an example of successful execution, a common and helpful illustration for the various practicalities of life. When Yale University plays football, it must needs be ideal football, or something is shown to be wrong with the institution. The game as played by the men in blue at Cambridge lacked here and there in points of system and reliability, and the men of Yale failed to do that thing which they started out to do—to overcome all obstacles and to make a score.

So it was not what it should have been. You know why. The sins of the fathers were being visited on the children to the second and third generation. The children did their best; but they were handicapped. Every advantage, every incentive, had been given them to overcome by hard work the disadvantages of inheritance. No Yale athletic family ever fought for their own salvation harder, nor were ever a company of them so boundedly dosed in a few short weeks with the essence of ancient Yale football, and goaded and spurred on by the daily

realizations of their own natural depravity. It was a fight against the category of time and the limitations of natural law, and it was easily demonstrable on paper and before any tribunal of equal mind that it could result only in dismal failure.

But as time went on, it came to be seen that the Yale football fighters of 1897 had not only inherited weaknesses from their more immediate ancestry—or rather from an environment which general Yale heedlessness had created in recent years—but that they had reached back, after the manner of natural children, to other times and had taken into their system that which was best in the Yale constitution of those older times. It doesn't make any difference what we call it—might just as well name it conceit as self-confidence.

But it is a glorious conceit. It is the feeling that nothing is impossible for a Yale team. It is the feeling that has animated every right-minded athlete who ever wore a Y. It is an immeasurably excellent quality in all struggles, and proves over and over again the force that turns the balance in crises, general or individual. It has a natural lodgment in natural Yale; and when it is personified in a company of young men, whatever their work, or whether it be work or play, it strikes back through them into the whole community and becomes more and more a part of the character of those who are of this community.

The Yale team was picked this year with this quality as the prerequisite of election, and therein is the greatest credit to the Captain and to the coaches. With this as their controlling force, the eleven went into action on Soldiers' Field. Because of it, they came out of the contest better men than they went in. Because of it, they were at their best when the odds against them were the heaviest. To be put in the last ditch was to be put in the best fighting form. They didn't like the position, and instead of making the last defense there, they established a new line of offense at a more comfortable point. They felt it better to throw back than to hold back. It is better. It is what is expected of Yale players. It is the way to fight. Grant had some such notion. Yale's opponents were to win in the second half because the wind would help their kicks. With superlative conceit, Yale offered to meet both Harvard and the wind and beat the combination. It caused palpitation, but it was the right spirit and was not done without reason.

Football is a game of unexpected opportunities. That is the view of Rodgers' crew, and the keenest seemed their appetite—and their teeth—when the nuts to crack were the hardest. The dissection and destruction of the Harvard trailing interference for end plays is a case in point. These boys were chosen for staying powers, of physique and character. When the whistle sounded, they wanted more. They thought they had learned a good deal of football in those seventy minutes, and longed for time to apply it. The most critical admitted that they had steadily improved their game in the face of Harvard's strong attack and defense.

And now Yale is proud of them. But that means that Yale expects everything of them—all that they were last Saturday, and a good deal more.

## THE GAME.

Harvard's management and Harvard men were most hospitable and cour-

teous to the Yale eleven, and to Yale men generally, during their stay in Boston and Cambridge. It is due to truth to say that the treatment is warmly appreciated here. The good feeling between old friends has been strengthened by the incidents of a match which strained nerves almost to the snapping point, in an excitement more intense than that of almost any University contest ever played. And in all their fierce struggle the players remembered they were the representatives, before tens of thousands, of Harvard and of Yale. It was good to see such clean and manly sport. It probably goes without saying that Yale has the utmost respect and admiration for Harvard football as played by Captain Cabot's team.

## THE COACHES.

The faces of many of the men who have worked with Mr. Butterworth and Mr. Louis Hinkey on Captain Rodgers' eleven are given in our illustration this number. Some of those who helped much could not be included in the group. Mr. Armstrong is one; Mr. Stillman is another; Mr. Cross a third. And that does not exhaust the list.

It is not necessary to go over the story of their service in the name of Yale. They have given up for this work what they would sacrifice at almost no other call. They stayed away at first. It was not possible for them to return. But it was seen that Yale was in straits. Then nothing was impossible. They fell in line and worked out the policy consistently followed from the first. They put not only their knowledge, but their spirit into the men. Yale is very grateful to them and they themselves feel well repaid. May they feel even more repaid at sunset on Saturday!

We have spoken of the relations of Yale and the press from the standpoint of accuracy and fair treatment. We will have something to say in a later issue, from the standpoint of courtesy and frankness, and the duties of those of Yale who stand in newspaper relations to the public.

## Canon Cheyne's Lectures.

The first three of Canon Cheyne's lectures on "Jewish Religious Life after the Exile" were given in the College Street Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

The last three lectures are in the evenings of the same days this week.

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## United Church Lecture Course.

The Men's Club of the United Church has arranged the following series of lectures, to which all members of the University are invited:

November 21—Professor Sneath on "Tennyson's Philosophy of Religion."

December 5—Professor Francis S. Peabody on "The Christian Doctrine of Social Duty."

December 12—Dr. VanDyke of New York City on "Morality and Art."

January 30—Dr. Amory Bradford on "The Unity of the World."

Rev. Joseph Twichell, '59, and Mrs. Ballington Booth will also speak, but the dates are as yet undecided.

## Concert by Princeton Glee Club.

To-morrow, Friday, evening the Princeton Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs will appear in New Haven, for the first time since 1892. They will give a concert at the Hyperion Theater. Seats went on sale yesterday.

Now that all games are to be played on college grounds, the custom formerly in vogue, of giving a concert the night before the Yale-Princeton or Yale-Harvard games, has been again adopted.

The Princeton Glee Club is under the leadership of Raleigh C. Thomas, '98, and consists of twenty-four men. Seventeen men constitute the Banjo Club, which is led by Clinton G. Wells, '98. The Mandolin Club has twenty-four men, and will be led by James H. Caldwell.

The following program will be played by the three clubs:

PART I.  
"Old Nassau," Carmina Princetonia.  
Glee Club.  
"King Carnival," Rosey.  
Banjo Club.  
'97 Medley, Arranged.  
Glee Club.  
Sextette from Lucia di Lammermoor,  
Donizetti.  
Mandolin Club.  
Triangle Song, Carmina Princetonia.  
Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs.  
PART II.  
"March of the Gods," Arranged.  
Banjo Club.  
"The Orange and Black,"  
Carmina Princetonia.  
Glee Club.  
Pot Pourri from "The Geisha,"  
Arranged.  
Mandolin Club.  
"Blige a Lady,"  
Mr. Poe and Glee Club.  
Pot Pourri, Arranged.  
Banjo Club.  
"Dinah Doh," E. B. Smith.  
Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs.  
(Dedicated to the Glee Club Organi-