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TO THE BOYS IN BLUE.

To Captain Jim Rodgers and his team! To Mr. Butterworth and his plucky boys in blue! To that Yale spirit that stopped Harvard and showed Princeton the way to wipe out defeat! Ten days ago, untried and out of the reckoning, they lined up at Cambridge, and, while learning some lessons, they taught a greater one; they taught twenty thousand people what Yale pluck was. Several of their coming contestants saw them play and possibly appreciated part of the lesson. But the boys were not polished; they did some fumbling, and had some kicks blocked, and Princeton underestimated the value of their dash and spirit, and overestimated the worth of the finish a veteran team can show. Then the boys in blue spent a week in patching up the difficulties that had at times shaken them up in the Harvard game, and went out on to the Yale Field to face the team that had run away with Yale last year, and had never this season met anything like their match.

The story of it has been told and retold. How at first they kept our hearts thumping; how those long drives of Baird carried the ball an awful distance down the field, and the always present Cochran seemed endowed with impossible speed as he skimmed the ground under its flight! But, somehow, in spite of the wind, and in spite of those punts, with fumbles speedily retrieved, the play did not seem to get much nearer to Yale's goal, and the accidents did not seem to bother the boys in blue a bit. The line grew stiffer and sturdier, sifted through upon Princeton's backs more and more, and, finally, little deSaulles came like a demon down between the desperate tackles of the Princeton team until we thought he would literally run through the entire eleven and land a touchdown!

But, if he had, it would not have given the rest of the eleven the chance to show all that there was in them, as the second half did. Fresh as when they started, the Yale team threw themselves into their work, and within ten minutes of the second kick-off had accomplished what no other team had succeeded in doing this year. They had carried the ball down the field and placed it behind the Princeton goal

line! And further, in spite of Princeton's desperate attempt,—and a plucky one it was!—to regain the lost ground, Yale crowded them down into their last ditch and there left the ball at the call of time!

Who would have believed it, when, at the end of the summer, Captain Rodgers lay ill with typhoid fever, and Benjamin and a little devoted band were struggling under the broiling heat with Mr. Butterworth to imbibe some of that man's wondrous spirit and skill! So a toast, and stand up, every one, to the plucky boys in blue!

WALTER CAMP.

YALE AND NEWSPAPER MEN.

The readiness and enthusiasm with which the press of the country have given full credit to Yale for the victory on Saturday and what it shows of the Yale way of doing things, is a fact to be carefully taken into the mind of Yale leaders. It shows what we have always maintained, that the real qualities of Yale's make-up were admired and held dear by the people generally, and that those who make up the newspapers are very willing and glad to give expression to that feeling.

Whatever trouble has come to Yale in the way of newspaper attack and unjust criticism, and even bitter persecution, has generally been brought down on the head of Yale by Yale men themselves. We do not mean by this to excuse the malice and meanness which have characterized some of the personal attacks on Yale leaders—attacks which have had their origin in prejudice and disappointment and envy. But we do say, without fear of contradiction, that newspaper men are, in general, men who love fair play and who like to give credit for manly qualities, and who do not consciously or willingly join in misrepresentation of an institution which embodies them.

They are, however, all human. They are governed by the same considerations which govern all men in their relations to each other. They do not like to be rebuffed, ignored, snubbed, or deceived. They have the firm and natural conviction that their profession, or business, is as necessary a one and as much worthy of respect and fair treatment as the business or profession of any other set of men. They also have no little sensitiveness to this profession, or business, as such, and when affronted, or maltreated, are much more inclined to consider the attack from the standpoint of their comrades and their profession generally, than from a personal standpoint.

On the other hand, these men are very quick to respond to trust that is placed in them, and appreciate the men and the institutions who are willing to take them in a reasonable measure into their confidence. (Of course, now we are not considering exceptions. There are some newspapers and some newspaper men to whom these things do not apply.) It has been a very general experience on the part of Yale men who have had the right attitude toward the press that they have been able to talk very freely with representatives of responsible papers, and to have their wishes as to what should be made public and what should be withheld very carefully observed.

It is not to be denied that Yale and Yale affairs must necessarily be a subject of public interest and be treated of in the papers. Where the trouble comes is, that men who represent Yale and who must speak for her and give out the news of Yale matters, are men who have for the first time been placed in relations to the newspapers and who do not understand what those relations are. They know it is not the way of

Yale to do much talking, and they often know no way of carrying out this tradition without being, to put it mildly, most decidedly disobliging.

As we have said before, we hope to see Yale's traditional policy of reserve and of speaking through acts rather than through words maintained, but we do hope to see Yale men learn that it is not a good thing to deliberately invite the ill will towards their University of the newspapers and the public which they control. From any standpoint Yale has not a good reputation in its treatment of the press. We very sincerely hope that the new era in Yale's affairs, which seems to have begun, will see a change in this matter, in the direction of frankness and invariable courtesy.

YALE TOGETHER.

Yale is together again. That is far and away the most joyous fact about last Saturday's incident at the Yale Field. It was the cause of it, and it is equally true that the victory in turn has made more patent and more sure the reason of the victory.

Don't forget this fact, whatever else you forget about Saturday's game. It is the essential for every performance, on field, water or platform, worthy of this place; it is the glory of Yale athletics. As long as Yale is together, she will preserve for her children her choicest gifts.

Saturday's football game was played on a well nigh perfect field and before fifteen thousand people, who sat on the best arranged stands that it has ever been our good fortune to see. Mr. Henry Sargent, Mr. Fisher and those who worked with them on the Field Corporation, and Mr. Twichell and Mr. Brown of the Football Association have piled up for themselves a very large credit on the books of Yale.

With the WEEKLY going to press a day earlier than usual, and with an unusual rush of matter, it has been impossible to make use of the many excellent contributions on the result of Saturday which have reached us. They all add to the evidence that Yale is pleased through and through; that fears are allayed; that "old Yale" reappears before the eyes of all. May she never disappear! May the men of Yale cherish her more tenderly than they have done, and, in the hour of victory, not forget the bitter lessons of defeat!

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HOW PRINCETON TAKES IT.

Stands up to it in Princeton's Way,
and Thanks the Team.

[Monday's Princetonian.]

The result of Saturday's game with Yale was very different from what Princeton men hoped and expected. That our team of veteran players, with the prestige gained by last year's victory, should be outplayed at almost every point by a team of comparatively inexperienced men, is a source of much surprise and disappointment. Our opponents deserve all the rewards of a well-earned victory. The statement that the Princeton team was very much over-estimated by football experts, and the general public, while the Yale team was very much under-estimated, tells the story of Saturday's game.

There are a number of reasons given for our defeat which are more or less valid. We believe that the team was so seriously handicapped by the loss of Captain Cochran and Baird that a victory was impossible and that the remaining players deserve great credit for keeping the score as low as it was. The men also appeared to be over-trained or at least much inferior to their opponents in physical condition. The delays in the game were largely due to the injuries received by Princeton players, while Yale escaped without an injury of any kind. Again our team had no real test of its strength. Since the game with the Elizabeth Athletic Club, more than three weeks ago, there was no game which disclosed the weak points in team play.

Though Princeton was defeated on Saturday, we are proud of our Captain and our team. We are sure that they suffered from over-training rather than over-confidence. Even in defeat, we do not forget what Captain Cochran and his men have done. In behalf of all the friends of Princeton, we thank the team, the faithful scrub and the coaches for their efforts to win the championship for Princeton this year.

Never in our recollection have the undergraduates so loyally and faithfully supported the team at the game, as they did on Saturday. The cheering was strong and united, and the cheers given after the game was over, for every member of the team and for success next year, were a strong proof that the Princeton spirit cannot be conquered by defeat. This is perhaps after all the greatest victory.

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