

**COACHING IN BASEBALL.**

**A Call on Yale to Correct Its Abuses.**

To the Editor of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY:

Sir: Some of the Yale men in these parts have been for several years interesting themselves in the development of baseball in the two California universities. One of the chief evils which we have had to combat has been that form of muckerism which is known as "coaching."

Our university nines here have been too much inclined to follow the example of the semi-professional players, who pride themselves on keeping up, throughout the game, a running fire of low wit, cheap personalities, and noisy talk of all sorts, directed at their opponents. In trying to abate this nuisance some of us have run the risk of unpopularity by telling our players that the practice is ungentlemanly, and diametrically opposed to the custom of the best university baseball men in the East. We have even gone so far as to cite the superb discipline of Willie Murphy's Nine in 1892, who used to play an ideally perfect game without violating the letter or the spirit of the law, which provides that coaching shall be confined to the "necessary directions to the base-runner."

Imagine our mortification when we read, in a recent number of the WEEKLY, an account of the incident at Richmond, with editorial comments which seemed to sanction the very evil which we had been attacking. Can it be that baseball at the East has been running down? If so, Yale men will look to Yale players, and the gentlemanly instincts of Yale undergraduate sentiment, to lead the way to reform.

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**The Attack on the Colleges.**

The recently adopted report of the Committee on Temperance of the Presbytery of New York, of which Rev. Stuart Dodge, Yale '57, is Chairman, contains the following:

"In the discharge of its duty your Committee again urges the desirability of appointing a special Committee from the Session to care for the interests of temperance in each church. We would also emphasize once more the need of persistent instruction of the young in the fundamental principles of temperance. In no other way can a generation be raised up with intelligent and dominant convictions as to the evils of existing social drinking customs, and the duty of opposing the saloon wherever its baneful influence extends; and here we desire to express our belief that among our own churches and elsewhere harm has been done by misrepresentations of students in some of the leading colleges and universities.

"While every one deploras the existence of drinking resorts in the vicinity of these seats of learning, it is a well-attested fact that the moral and religious tone of all higher institutions was never more healthy, positive and elevating than at the present time.

"Saloons will have little attraction for men fortified by Christian principle; and indiscriminate charges of prevailing drunkenness among students wantonly defame the high character of those upon whom the future of the Church and the community must largely depend; create unwarranted fears in many homes; diminish confidence in the professed friends of temperance, and weaken the hold of this great reform upon the entire community."

**An Eighty-Nine Reunion.**

At the Yale Club on Saturday night the Class of Eighty-Nine held the first of its informal reunions. Twenty-eight men sat down to the supper and spent a very enjoyable evening. After the dinner adjournment was taken to another room, where the ring was formed and informal speeches given and a good deal of singing indulged in, which was not of a subdued kind. In short, the proceedings were of the form sanc-

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tioned by the immemorial custom of the class, and they proceeded with great life all through the evening.

Dr. Donald McLean Barstow conducted these proceedings in a thoroughly characteristic, which is to say an eminently satisfactory manner. The general opinion of those who have not for some time sat under him was that he had been able fairly well to develop the English language in proportion to the increasing demand of his own vocabulary. Mr. King spoke briefly, but effectively, to the toast "On the Banks of the Wabash." He dwelt on the favorable impression which had been made on the middle west by the action of Yale since the war begun. Mr. Pinchot suggested that these reunions should be more frequently held in the future, perhaps once or twice each year, and it was unanimously agreed that there should be another next Fall. In response to a persistent expression of curiosity as to the fate of the surplus of the Cruiser Fund Committee, Mr. Welch spoke briefly on the possibilities of the situation. Mr. Gavegan declined an emphatic request for a cornet solo, but renewed with success the acquaintance of the class with "Mahoney's Brindle Cat."

Those present were: Ames, Armstrong, Barstow, Bradner, Brewster, Coggill, Donnelley, Ensign, Fisher, Francke, Freeman, Gavegan, Hinckley, King, Moore, Mosle, Peck, Pike, Pinchot, Rockwell, F. Scott, Skilton, Smith, Stokes, Tuttle, Vernon, Welch, Whittlesey.

It was unanimously agreed that the success of Dr. Stokes in arranging for this reunion gave the class the privilege of commanding him to take the next one in charge.

**New Colleges at Cornell.**

Cornell University was enlarged on Thursday, April 4, by the establishment of two additional colleges—The Cornell University College of Medicine, and the New York State College of Forestry. The former will be located in New York City and the erection of new buildings will begin at once. Among those already appointed to professorships are Dr. Lewis A. Stimson, '63, and Dr. George Woolsey, '81. The College of Forestry is the first of the kind established in America. It will be situated at Ithaca, N. Y., and the forest tract will consist of thirty thousand acres to be purchased in the Adirondacks.

**A Matter of Course.**

[Waterbury American.]

The arrival of the Yale boys at camp probably justifies the claim that Yale is "the first college in the country to send a company to war." But that is too much a matter-of-course to be remarkable, is it not?

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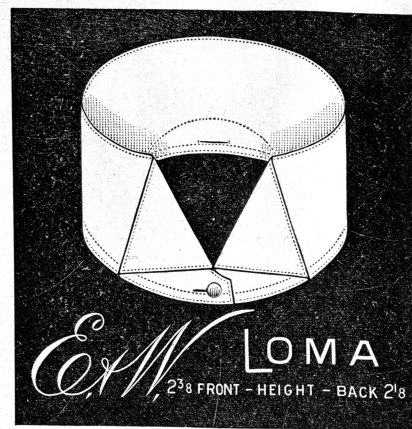
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