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FRIDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

Last Friday night's meeting at College Street Hall was dead-in-earnest. It was full of the strongest spirit—throbbled as with the heart-beats of the patriots of all Yale. But the enthusiasm was of the kind that is strengthened by a clear and sobering sense of the realities. That meeting acted just as Yale men have acted here and all over the country,—followed head and heart. Nothing for many years, as far as our observation goes, has so strongly affirmed how close Yale is to the everyday life,—that is, to the people, and that is, to the heart of the nation.

May it ever be thus. As long as Yale can have such a meeting her strong American democratic self is unimpaired. Let nothing that is done by those who hold in trust the offices of Yale ever threaten by unfavorable environment the spirit which made the meeting of Friday night, and the occasion for that meeting, possible. Rather may it be the first thought always to hold that spirit unharmed and to give it even freer play.

DISGRACEFUL, INDEED!

Some lies are more interesting than other lies. The more interesting ones naturally have the wider circulation. The usual run of libel against the University is never worth the ink for its contradiction. It isn't even interesting enough to be printed without comment.

Now and then the talent displayed in the "temperance" campaign attaches itself to some piece of almost criminally careless reporting on the part of a local paper, and rests on that as on the bed rock of an eternal verity. If the incident quoted is unusual, people give some credence to the original article and circulate it. There has appeared in public print in the last month the story that Yale students deliberately canvassed all the Yale dormitories for copies of a New York prohibition paper; that they then went to the news-stands and bought up all they had, and, having gathered this fit fuel, held a big bonfire on the Campus and danced around it.

It rather relieves the tension of things to see a paper of the intelligence and usual carefulness of the Washington Post reprint this story, comment upon it

editorially, and seriously inform Yale men that it was a very bad thing to do.

There is nothing very much to say about this, except that with which we began—that a lie travels more if it is interesting. The *Voice*, of course, thinks the incident a great and magnificent piece of martyrdom which it has suffered, and is already painting the blushes on the more civilized Yale of the future, as it reads the story of this insulting humiliation of a great moral agency.

The more civilized future is very unlikely to read or believe anything about Yale University which is recorded in the columns of our New York contemporary. We doubt if posterity can be made to believe that it was a fact, that a few weeks ago, on the occasion of a big bonfire in New Haven on the Campus, a few students, perhaps five or six or not as many, gathered up ten or fifteen copies of the *Voice* which lay about their rooms (where it is regularly sent through the enterprise of the Circulation Department) and placed them on this enormous fire, which was in celebration of something quite worth while. It will be very difficult, we say, to make posterity believe that there was as much of a fact as this, far off in the dim background of this fiction. Many of those who circled around the bonfire that night denied that any such incident happened. It was noticeable only by accident or close observation; but a few did see that there were a few *Voices* burned in that bonfire.

YALE AND SECTIONALISM.

In re a certain letter in a recent issue, and letters in reply thereto in this issue, the ALUMNI WEEKLY begs leave to re-affirm the cardinal principle that this paper is in no way responsible for the sentiments of its correspondents. To say, as some men still do say, that because a letter appears in the columns of the WEEKLY, this paper in any measure endorses its sentiments, is to declare a principle abhorrent to the instincts of decent journalism.

In the second place, if any one desires any light on the sentiments of this paper, we beg to say that we never think of Yale as belonging to any one part of the country. We think of her as of and for the whole country. We believe that there is, in her thought and act, no room for prejudice or feeling of one part against another. Most fervently do we pray that these times through which we are passing, that this common American cause, to which the people are answering with one voice in the North and the South and the East and West, may remove forever any stumbling-block in the path of absolute national unity at Yale.

As to the sentiment of Yale to-day, we need to say nothing. It is unquestioned and unquestionable. Consider the records of the last month.

Hospital Places for Yale Men.

The following men from the Senior class of the Medical School have received appointments to different hospitals.

H. G. Watson, of Centerville, N. Y., to St. Mark's Hospital, New York.

A. H. Hine of New Haven, Conn. first appointment to the hospital at Paterson, N. J.

F. T. Billings of Washington, D. C., second appointment to the hospital at Paterson, N. J.

H. W. Hulsberg of London, England, to the colored hospital in New York City.

J. L. Perkins of Concord, N. H., to the Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J.

F. W. Nolan of Springfield, Mass. to the City Hospital of New York City.

COACH LEHMANN'S PUPILS.

Dobyns at Stroke—Personnel of the Crew About Settled.

[Correspondence of YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY.]

Cambridge, Mass., May 24.—Coach Lehmann of the Harvard Crew last week abandoned his plan of taking two full University Eights to New London next month for the purpose of having a practice crew to match against the regular Eight. There is some chance that more than the two substitutes usually taken will accompany the Eight this year.

The University squad was reduced on Friday, from 16 to 12 men. The first Eight is now rowing in the following order: Stroke, Dobyns; 7, Biddle; 6, J. H. Perkins; 5, Heath; 4, Higginson; 3, Wadsworth; 2, Blake; bow, Hardin. The substitutes are: J. F. Perkins, Marvin, Adams and Kernan. Among the four men dropped from the squad was Lawrence, the big Freshman oarsman, who has been with the Crew since early in the year. His return to the Freshman crew, where he is rowing at No. 7, materially strengthens that Eight.

HARVARD'S NEW STROKE.

Some changes in the University boat are expected before the big race, but the places are settled upon for the most part. There is little doubt that Dobyns will hold his place as stroke. His career as an oarsman has been of a sensational character. He is an athlete of only average proportions and does not look like a powerful man. He entered College from Oberlin and first won recognition for good scholarship and as an intercollegiate debater. Last year, after losing in the intercollegiate debate with Yale, he sought to bury his disappointment in athletic pursuits and began rowing on one of the Weld crews. He was considered a good oar, but not rated as University material. This year he again rowed on the Weld class crew and after the races this Spring was one of the oarsmen retained in the University squad when the crews disbanded. This was thought to be the limit of his athletic career. Higginson was considered as practically certain of the honor of stroking Harvard's Crew against Yale. But after the second crew, paced by Dobyns, succeeded in defeating the regulars in trial heats, Dobyns was given a trial on the first crew and has held his place, Higginson moving forward to No. 4. Dobyns has a long, sweeping stroke, with a good drive and pulls his oar through better than any other man in the boat.

Of the other men on the crew, Biddle, who carries the stroke to the starboard side, is a smooth oar, but his good watermanship is his best point. His stroke is not sustained throughout with the dash which marks it at the begin-

LIBERALITY IN LIFE INSURANCE.

A case in point is the recent announcement of the New York Life Insurance Co., concerning the effect on policies in this company held by those who might enlist in the army or navy of the United States, in case of war. The company has sent out a notice that all those now holding its policies and all who may secure its policies between now and the actual outbreak of hostilities, if that time ever comes, would receive the full benefit therefrom, without the payment of any other than the regular rates now in force.

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ning. Captain Perkins, at No. 6, shows a tendency to shorten his stroke, and this is the main fault of the Crew as a whole. The long body swing of the English stroke will again be given the test in the race with Yale—and Cornell, if the date can be adjusted and the merit of the long low swing of the Harvard oarsmen will be decided.

Mr. Henry Willis, the veteran English oarsman, has been following the work of the crews closely with Mr. Lehmann, and the reputation of the English method will be at stake.

Two of the substitutes are likely to find places in the boat in the near future. Marvin is believed to have a better chance at bow than Hardin, the present incumbent, and "Kip" Perkins, the brother of the Captain, is fairly certain of displacing one of the other men. Young Perkins is a heavy and powerful oarsman, and his removal from the boat is considered to have been with the single purpose of stimulating him to a stronger effort. His rowing since he lost his place has shown decided improvement.

For the remainder of the year Mr. Lehmann will be deprived of the services of his English associate, as Mr. Willis has left for England to train for the Henley regatta. He will row at No. 7 in the Leander crew.

ERRATIC BASEBALL.

The work of Captain Rand's Nine has been so erratic that the College is becoming discouraged. After receiving a crushing defeat in the first championship game with Princeton, the players so far recovered that in the three following games they shut out their opponents without scoring. On Saturday, however, in the opening game with the University of Pennsylvania, they were again defeated, although ten innings were required to decide the winner.

During the week, both the Harvard and Yale Nines will face the strong Newton Athletic Club team, and the scores will be interesting in view of the approaching meeting of the Blue and the Crimson. Extensive preparations are being made by the Newton Club to give the Yale players a warm reception. When the Football Eleven played in Newtown last Fall a dinner was given in their honor at the clubhouse in the evening, and now a similar dinner to Yale's Baseball tossers is being arranged. Prominent Yale graduates and members of former Yale teams living in this vicinity will be invited and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

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