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TO THE NINE.

It is a very great pleasure to be able to congratulate the Nine on the recovery from the disaster which came in the first five innings of the first Princeton game in New Haven. The rally is according to the best traditions of this place. The University and alumni now expect it to be maintained and count confidently on a good exhibition of baseball in New York on Saturday. We beg to offer our compliments to Captain Greenway and his coadjutors and we wish especially to assure Mr. Carter and Mr. Beall of the grateful appreciation of Yale.

THE YALE CREW.

The almost impossible must happen to prevent a good record of Yale rowing at New London next week. Will the Blue win? We know absolutely nothing about it. We are not talking about that. That is not the absolutely essential point. But Yale *must* row well. And her Crew certainly should row well. They are men of good material, both as to their muscle and as to the qualities of head and heart. They have worked hard and been in good discipline and training, according to the habit of any good Yale athletic organization. Their Captain has handled them well and cooperate with Mr. Cook excellently. The work has been along a single system with one man in control. That is the only way any branch of athletics can be well conducted.

WHAT YALE IS DOING.

The article on the Philosophical Department published in last week's issue has already been considerably quoted as a summary of the principal accomplishments hitherto and a statement of what is just now being done in the way of teaching Philosophy at Yale. This is the kind of information about Yale, as we have said before, that we want especially to give and a very large number of our graduates want to receive. It is the kind of information which requires special effort to present in a complete and accurate form, and the paper has congratulated itself on being able to secure from the best sources this series of articles, of which

two have now been published giving a quite thorough resume of each department. It is possible that another will be published in the present volume. At any rate, the series will be continued next year. We desire to develop more and more on this line. Progress towards covering this side of the University news was necessarily slow. It has been rather a pleasant surprise, that it has gone along as fast as it has. The current Campus events are more easily gathered in. The more serious side of University work is more difficult of presentation. The WEEKLY will not be satisfied until it presents each week a very complete record of everything which is being done in the name of education in any direction in this great University.

YALE ATHLETICS.

In the Yale athletic adverses of recent times, which have been rather the rule than the exception, some writers are finding a decline of the "athletic craze," as they call it. The observation is late and inaccurate. Five or six years ago there was noticed a decreased intensity of feeling in this branch of college life. The most active athletes used to say, as long ago as Ninety-Four and Ninety-Five, that the era of the extreme in athleticism had gone by. That was well.

But since then Yale has gone into athletics with the utmost zeal and enthusiasm, and there has been, on the part of those most intelligently and actively interested in the life of the College, no let-up in the desire and the hope that Yale should accomplish her athletic work with thoroughness and system and intelligence. The more philosophic and more truly sportsman-like attitude as to the final score,—that is, the feeling that it was not absolutely necessary, under all conditions, that the points should at the end be in favor of this University,—has not lessened the feeling that it is absolutely necessary that, under all conditions, and in every branch of sport, Yale University should do her work well; should show that as an organization she is systematic, disciplined, intelligent, far-seeing, zealous, full of enthusiasm. If she does not show these things in any branch of sport she enters, she would better withdraw altogether from it.

But the fact of this calmer and soberer view of athletics has nothing to do with the present conduct of athletics at Yale or the results of it. The feeling came long before last Fall, but there never has been a more intense application of the entire University to the end of developing a good football team, than in the consulate of Rodgers. And no one ever appreciated more keenly than during last season that it was unreasonable and discreditable for Yale to continue to play football as badly as she had been playing it. The power was given to one man, which is ever the way in successful athletics, but the University was made to feel and the alumni were made to feel that the success of that football team was a part of the interest of everybody. It did no harm to Yale to have that feeling go through the institution. It did a great deal of good in every way to the place.

An application of the principles that were successful there must be made in other branches. It adds excitement to miss a game, even by slovenly playing, and then recover in a splendid brace, greatly to the credit of the individuals accomplishing it. But it does not help the reputation of Yale. We admire the spirit of the men who bore the brunt of the work on the track team this year and the way they persisted in the face

of very adverse circumstances and with the promise of certain defeat. But was it well for the University that they should be tremendously beaten? It is a fine state of college athletics when there isn't money enough in the treasury to feed its athletes, and when there isn't a place for them decently to train. It does not reflect credit upon the foresight of the management of years past when the loss of two or three men spoiled all chance for successful contest.

And as to this special branch, men say that the willingness of Yale and Harvard to even consider an exclusive dual meet in track athletics, shows a waning of interest. We must be allowed to say that it does not show this at all. It shows that some men consider there are serious obstacles to satisfactory competition in intercollegiate meets, as they are now managed. Yale has said nothing about these obstacles, but has gone in and taken her medicine. She would better not say anything about these obstacles. As long as she is a member of the Intercollegiate Association, she thereby asserts her belief in the equity of its conditions and says to the world that it is a good form of competition in track and field athletics. Now, if it is true that these objections exist, Yale should see to it that they are removed and not allow individuals to talk about them quietly, while the University's team formally denies them and goes down to certain defeat.

Then there is the lack of development of baseball material in the last five or six years,—the reliance on stars, the failure to make pitchers. All these things show a radical fault. There is a lack of continuity in policy, a failure to profit by lessons in experience. When Yale was winning several years ago, or rather, we should say, when she was putting out the best teams, it was because of the coöperation between those who had the experience and were willing to apply it and those who had command of the athletic affairs. Until that old system, which conserved all the essentials of Yale's best athletic traditions, is restored in some permanent form, Yale will continue to have her downs along with her ups and the downs will probably grow more frequent rather than less so. And the University will suffer in reputation and the men in the University will not receive the same benefit from athletics. Undergraduate Yale is full to overflowing of fine material and fine spirit. Graduate Yale is as ready as ever to

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

[Class and Association Secretaries are invited to use this column.]

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Ninety-Five Triennial.

The Triennial exercises for the Class of Ninety-Five, which will take place on Tuesday, June 28th, will be as follows: At 9 A. M. the General Alumni Meeting in Alumni Hall; at 10.30 A. M. the Business meeting of the Class in 176 Lyceum, after which a photograph