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## AS TO ROWING.

Cornell can certainly row. No one has seriously doubted this for a space of years, but the statement could not of yore be made with quite the conviction of these latter days. She has done magnificent work at both Poughkeepsie and New London. Lift hats to a plucky champion!

The entry of the Ithacans into the races of the last two years has been a good thing for rowing at both Yale and Harvard. Had Yale been given only the task of defeating Harvard, in 1897 and 1898, there would have been easy work for her. Now she has something more serious to contemplate than the heading of her old rival. These afflictions will be sanctified to her.

In all sincerity we are sorry to see another such lamentable failure by Harvard. What in the world is the matter?

## THE YALE CREWS.

Yale is proud of both of them. You could not ask for a better set of young men than sat in the University shell. You could not demand more industry or enthusiasm than they showed all the season. You could not wish for more effective coöperation that there has been from the start between the Captain and the Coach. That is why Yale stands by Mr. Whitney and Mr. Cook and every individual oarsman to-day.

We are very happy about 1901. Mr. Rodgers and his boys are pretty good.

## A REMARKABLE PIECE OF DISCIPLINE.

It is very much the desire of the WEEKLY to say things as plainly as it can, and to be understood as meaning what it says. When the statement is made that individuals are all right, but that the general conduct of athletics at Yale is not satisfactory, the proposition is intended for literal construction. If the WEEKLY believed that the interests of Yale which were consigned to them were not being properly taken care of by any particular set of athletes, it would not hesitate to say so, and would say so as directly as possible. When the incident of a bad defeat in baseball called attention again to the weakness of the general system, word was sent to us that we were giving pretty severe criticism to the ball nine.

It seems as if anybody with half an eye would have avoided that mistake.

Since our recent references to the lack of certain elements in the general management of athletics from year to year, Yale has proved her title to some of the virtues which her admirers have claimed for her, by a remarkable stand at the eleventh hour in the contest for championship on the diamond. We cannot express too strongly our admiration for the men who made this brace possible, the Captain and his team, and the graduates who helped them. They all showed the right spirit and great ability. It is particularly pleasant to see an athlete of the character and record of the present Captain of the Nine, who has been a member of that organization through so many unfortunate periods, lead his team at last to a substantial and most encouraging victory.

These facts, in which we take such pride, do not affect the general situation which we have been discussing. There is the same lack of continuity in the way of developing teams and of directing them, in their relations to the public and to the Faculty and to the graduates. As to the relations to the Faculty, a very strong case is in point. The members of the Freshman Crew were very seriously handicapped by a rule requiring them to return to New Haven for examinations after they had been allowed to go to New London for practice. No one unfamiliar with the circumstances of training can appreciate how serious this restriction was. A trip to New Haven and back again, conducted in the simplest, most conscientious way, will off-set days of coaching, and it takes much time for a crew to recover from the interruption. This is particularly true of the later days of the season, when everything is devoted to the rounding off of the finer points and the blending of individuals into an harmonious whole. To say that the Freshmen must come back to New Haven two days before their race was to say to them that they would be at the outset heavily handicapped in that race.

And what was it all for? For the sins of their predecessors. That was, at least, the only reason vouchsafed. Last year certain members of the Freshman Crew were most unresponsive to the trust placed in them. They cribbed at New London, at a time when they were especially on their honor; at a time when all their instincts of College loyalty, combined with their instincts of ethics, ought to have prevented it. No language can be too strong for this act under such circumstances. It is bad enough under any circumstances.

But what shall we say of the idea of justice inculcated in the undergraduate mind, when a set of innocent men, striving hard for the glory of their Class and their College, are burdened with unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions because somebody else was thus dishonorable? It is very questionable how far the sins of the individual ought to be visited upon the community. There does not seem to be any question as to the right to visit the sins of one community upon another.

But we did not start out to discuss this incident; merely to refer to it. If Yale athletes were taking advantage of the lessons of experience, the most youthful and thoughtless of them would never be allowed to go into an examination with the thought that it was possible to crib. Secondly, if any one set of athletes were guilty of some such great offence, and the Faculty were bent on inflicting a penalty for it, we believe it would be possible to suggest some courses to the government of Yale that would be more effective than such a remarkable plan of vicarious sacrifice.

There must be some way of regulating the very large athletic interests of this student body that will dispense with some of the grotesque blunders on both sides.

## CLASS REUNIONS.

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anniversary of the Class on Tuesday. A business meeting will be held in the morning and the Class dinner will occur at 6 p. m. D. G. Brinton will speak for the Class at the Alumni meeting.

SIXTY-THREE.

The thirty-fifth anniversary reunion of the Class of Sixty-Three will occur on Tuesday next. It is expected that a very large proportion of the members will be present. The business meeting will be held in E 2 Osborn Hall at 12 o'clock noon, and the Class dinner at the Ansantawae Club, Savin Rock, at about 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

SIXTY-EIGHT.

The thirtieth anniversary of the Class of Sixty-Eight will occur on Tuesday. About thirty are expected to be present. The business meeting will be held in F 2 Osborn Hall at twelve o'clock, noon. The Class supper will be served at the New Haven Lawn Club House at 8 p. m. Although the Class will not attend the ball game in a body, many expect to go and sit together.

SEVENTY-THREE.

The plan for Seventy-Three's 25th Anniversary has been in progress for several months, and a large guaranty fund insures a very successful reunion on June 28, 1898.

The business meeting of the Class is to be held at Room F 1, Osborn Hall, at twelve o'clock noon.

The Class will go in a body to the baseball game at two o'clock, starting in special trolley cars from Chapel Street, near Trinity Church.

At 7 p. m. the Class will assemble at entrance to Osborn Hall and go in a body to the Class dinner, which will be held at 7.30 p. m., at the Young Men's Republican Club, corner of Crown and Temple Streets. Sixty men have agreed to be present at the reunion, with a probability of a few more. Mr. Hart Lyman, of the New York Tribune, is to preside at the dinner. Hon. Eben Alexander, our ex-minister to Greece, will respond to the toast, "Our Country." Mr. Robert Williams, Vice-President and Genl. Manager of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway, will respond to the toast, "Yale." Hon. Samuel O. Prentice, Judge of the Superior Court, of Hartford, Connecticut, will respond to the toast, "'73," and Prof. F. B. Tarbell, of the University of Chicago, will respond to the toast, "The University and the World." Sherry of New York is to furnish the dinner.

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SEVENTY-EIGHT.

The twentieth anniversary of the Class of Seventy-Eight will be held next Tuesday. The business meeting will be held at 11.30 a. m. in 175 Lyceum. At one o'clock there will be lunch at the New Haven Lawn Club on Whitney avenue, to which the members of the Class and families are invited. After lunch the Class will attend the baseball game in a body. The Class dinner will take place at 7.30 p. m., in the Anderson Gymnasium on York street. Members of the Class may secure rooms in West Divinity at the price of one dollar a day.

EIGHTY-THREE.

The fifteenth anniversary reunion of the Class of Eighty-Three will be held on Tuesday, June 28. The business meeting will be held at twelve o'clock, noon, in A 2 Osborn Hall. In the afternoon the Class will attend the Yale-Harvard ball game in a body. The Class dinner will be held at Veru Hall, 156 Orange street, at about seven o'clock. There is promise of a large attendance at the reunion, as about eighty have signified their intention of being present.

EIGHTY-THREE SHEFF.

The Supper Committee have made every effort to make the reunion of Eighty-Three Sheff. a grand one. At least thirty men will be present. There will be a business meeting at Room 112 Winchester Hall, at five o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, June 28, followed by the Class supper at Traeger's at seven o'clock.

EIGHTY-EIGHT.

At least seventy-five men will be present at the Decennial of the Class of Eighty-Eight. As the Class at graduation numbered only about one hundred and twenty, this is an unusually large number to be present. The business meeting will be held at 11.45 a. m. At two o'clock the Class will assemble at Osborn Hall and go in a body to the Yale-Harvard ball game, attended by the Wheeler and Wilson band. At six o'clock the Class will again assemble at Osborn Hall and march in a body to Arion Hall, where the Class dinner will be held.

EIGHTY-EIGHT SHEFF.

The Decennial reunion of the Class of Eighty-eight S. will be held on Tuesday. The business meeting will be held at 11 a. m. in Room 28, North Sheffield Hall. At 2 p. m. the Class will form at South Sheffield Hall, and headed by the Wallingford Band will go to the ball game. The Class banquet will be held at 7.30 o'clock at Stewart's and not at Heublein's, as previously announced. About forty men are expected to be present.

NINETY-TWO.

The Sexennial reunion of the Class of Ninety-Two will occur on Tuesday, June 28. About one hundred men are