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THE NEXT ISSUE.

The next issue will be the September issue and will be published the middle of the month.

THE GAMES AT LONDON.

There was plenty of good feeling at the games at London. The best spirit seems to have prevailed. On that feature of the occasion we can dwell with satisfaction. If we can forget that Yale had anything to do with it, we can follow the events, uncertain to the last, with an absorbing interest. There were some great contests, and, no doubt, on the purely athletic side, no little good will come of the meet.

On the still more important side of athletics, of a mutual understanding and a substantial friendship between the universities concerned, the meeting has helped things still farther along. That it also has contributed not a little to further strengthening good feeling between good people of both countries is apparent.

We offer our compliments to the winning team of Oxford and Cambridge, and beg to express the appreciation of Yale of the very cordial hospitality shown to this university's men.

Yale's performers were altogether unfortunate, but gave no occasion for individual criticism.

YALE ATHLETICS.

As to the present situation in Yale athletics this much can at least be said. Neither undergraduates nor graduates are trying to make themselves feel better by being ungracious and ungrateful to men who worked hard and did their best, often under impossible conditions.

They are not condemning losing leaders, who have themselves in the past done great work for the Blue.

When it comes to such a sport as rowing, in which there was more of a system of cooperation between undergraduates and graduates than in any other sport, they are just as far as possible from visiting wrath upon good coaches. They have nothing but gratitude for Dr. Gallaudet, whose labors have been heavy and unselfish, and for Mr. Cowles, who has given the next greatest amount of time and effort to the Eight. These men are both of the quality demanded by the best standards of University athletics. Yale has been well and successfully served by them in the past, under different conditions, and Yale confidently counts on their aid in a better conditioned future. And so they feel towards other coaches—towards Dr. Hartwell and Dr. Bolton, and towards Messrs. Ives and Armstrong and the others who have lent a hand willingly. And there is certainly hopeful gratitude for the services of Mr. Rodgers, whose record with Freshman crews, including this year's race, is, on the whole, remarkable.

But the Yale mind is centered on general conditions, which are not what they ought to be and which must first be remedied, before any permanent gain can be secured in any branch. And points are now clear, which were before disputed. Yale is disorganized; her parts are not working together. The attempt to run the athletics of a University of more than two thousand five hundred men, on the plan of a compact college of half the number, is at last a demonstrated and plainly demonstrated failure.

We are devoutly glad that the thing is clear at last, and that nobody can now venture to talk of "letting well enough alone," or "the value of occasional defeat." Yale standards of thoroughness and determination have been weakened, the Yale name lowered, the Yale reputation impaired—not by mere defeats, but by performances in the name of Yale that have not been up to the Yale standard. And men admit that this is so. If all the records of the last few years were necessary to make them admit it, then we do not regret these defeats and disasters.

For now Yale is determined to do her work well again—and her men are willing to call back the forces of the past by the same reasonable treatment of present conditions as was applied to the conditions of ten or fifteen years ago. What may come of the present attitude of the Yale mind and the Yale heart, it is yet too early to say; but if something practical, definite and decisive does not result from it, then we will have to revise our opinion about the Yale mind and the Yale heart.

"YALE YARNS."

Almost anything has to be expected in the "silly season," particularly when sporting editors and editorial writers have such an imagination-stirring spectacle as that which is offered by a University of formerly unequalled athletic fame, flat on its back in every branch of sport. The *Sun* conjures up a line of professional coaches leading our eleven, our crew, our nine and our track team. Tompkins, Hartwell, Butterworth, Hinkey, Adee, Rodgers, Murphy, and other men supposed at one time to know the game, are not to guide Yale clevens any more. They may talk a little at practice and walk along the side lines, but the virtues and the glory of football are henceforth to be safeguarded by some imported professional specialist. And so with Dr. Gallaudet

and Mr. Cowles and Mr. Rodgers and the others who used to row. When it comes to real business, they must keep still and look dignified and shed ancient glory. They must not interfere. Mr. Ten Eyck or some other man of his profession, who spends six or more days of the week for fifty-two weeks of the year, at the end of an oar, shall henceforth create the might and skill and poetry and enthusiasm and pluck of a winning Yale eight. The baseball men—youths just going out of their teens and yet impressionable—shall sit at the feet of the quiet men of the National League and learn real sport.

All of which is simply a reminder that Yale's friends must be prepared to read anything about her in the papers. Wonderful things were said when Yale led the column, but if you remember still more wonderful things were being said at the time of Harvard, who was bringing up the rear. Good newspapers do not mean to print fakes about Yale, but some of the best of them have been fooled in trying to analyze the University's present discreditable and anomalous condition in athletics, and it will not be surprising if they are misled again. It is hard for anyone to analyze it intelligently. Let no one be troubled too much about what is said, but rather let all concern themselves about what is done. When that is right, the rest will take care of itself. When things mature a little more a plan will be offered in which all may help.

Outing, in its review of the boating season, in its August number, gives a large share of the credit of Harvard's success in rowing this year to the influence of Mr. Lehmann. Other well informed critics have reached the same conclusion. This verdict is without disparagement to Mr. Storrow, whose splendid services are accorded the fullest appreciation. The point is that Mr. Lehmann made a boating spirit at Harvard. He turned indifference into positive and general enthusiasm and broke up conditions which favored the development of the few against the chances of the many. Scores of men went to the boat houses for the simple pleasure and exercise of rowing, and those who would not have thought of entering the competition for places in University or Class boats appeared towards the end of the season as strong rivals of veterans. A fast set of crews was sure to come, sooner or later, as the result of such conditions. It must be confessed that it is a good thing for college athletics generally that such conditions produced good results.

The New York *Times* can send Mr. Walter Camp to Europe to negotiate with Mr. Cook for his return to Yale to take charge of rowing, or in any other way indulge in extravagant fiction, during the quiet vacation hours. Yale submits. But we respectfully demur when it exploits a careless ignorance concerning the Rev. Joseph Hopkins Twichell, of Yale 1859 and of Yale of all time since. The *Times* was enumerating after-dinner star speakers and naturally tried to include him. It called him "Professor" and it spelt his name with a "t" in the middle. The error of spelling was only careless ignorance. The title was an affront—in this case. Mr. Twichell makes a more or less regular annual business of refusing honorary degrees, and objects to being called "Doctor." The *Times* would be more agreeable to the friends of the popular preacher of Hartford and the honorable Fellow of Yale, if it called him by his first name and left off the

last syllable of that. He carries the simple title thus remaining with great dignity. The *Times* also spoke of him as "of Yale." That is in one sense true, and at any rate, the accident of his residence is not a proper subject, in these columns, of comment or criticism.

The alumni paper habit still spreads. The Stanford University Alumni Association has begun the publication of a monthly, to be known as the *Stanford Alumnus*. It is the official organ of the Association. The *Alumnus* is in magazine form, with covers of the university color, and is a substantial publication of nearly forty pages, with a great deal of interesting material, including addresses delivered before the seventh annual meeting of the Alumni Association last May. The paper was printed on the Stanford University Press and makes an excellent appearance. The alumni editor is Charles Ernest Schwartz, Stanford '99, and the undergraduate editor is Miss Helen Swett of the Class of 1900.

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