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THE COACHES.

A good deal has been said first and last about the loyalty which coaches have shown in their attentions to Yale teams. Their work is more or less in evidence all the while and people are quite familiar with their names. At the same time, we venture to say that very few, even among those who follow athletics very closely, appreciate just how much of a sacrifice is made every year by alumni of Yale in assisting a University captain to put upon the field the best team of which Yale is capable.

Men come on every year who do not see how they can leave their business, but who see less how they can refuse the call. Think of taking from one to six weeks out of active business or professional work or the quite as active preparation for it,—generally without having made plans accordingly in advance. When sickness or some other untoward cause drives a man for any length of time from his work, he generally feels that he has suffered severely. The loss is just as great in such a case as this. Practically none of the men who have come back to Yale this Fall to coach the football team, or who, while living in New Haven, have taken their time at the Field day after day, could, from such a standpoint of personal interest as guides most men in the conduct of their affairs, afford to make the outlay.

And these men come back, not to take the burden of an eleven, with the chance of winning distinction, by making it a successful one, but only to take their place in line and obey general orders—to develop players for certain positions, to offer suggestions which may or may not be accepted. A captain, like the Captain of the Yale football eleven of this Fall, does not arbitrarily assert his power, but he has absolute power. No coach could over-rule it or would try to over-rule it. The so-called head coach or supervising coach has the next say. The man in that position this year, who gave two months of his time for that work, was not a man in any way make undue or unreasonable use of his power. At the same time, the captain and the chief coach are the responsible ones, as they ought to be, and the others work under them.

There are otherwise well informed men, who take the ground that football coaches are more or less actuated by selfish interests; that they come back

for the glory and the fun of it. We have heard that idea seriously put forth by men who are generally well informed and who even know personally those of whom they themselves speak. We have no sympathy with such a notion. The many graduates who have come back to New Haven this year have had, as in previous years, the sole purpose of helping Yale to put forth her best efforts, and the purpose of this editorial is simply to call once more to attention the amount and the intensity of the loyalty which gathers this faithful band. A large number of those who help coach Yale teams have never accepted invitations from any other institution to help in the development of football, and a still larger number have done so only in the first year or two after graduation, when the stipend was a necessarily great attraction. There is no disposition to criticise those who are thus occupied, but the tendency is more and more, for all who have anything of skill or spirit to impart, to give that and all the time and energy they can spare to their Yale.

The gathering of coaches this year was the finest tribute to the spirit which controlled Yale football, and Yale is not at all troubled by the criticisms that have been made in some quarters, that this splendid force of men were working somewhat at cross purposes, or at least not in harmony. We know whereof we speak when we say that never were athletic men at Yale so well together in their purpose and in their work as they have been this year. Old and young have worked as the Captain and the Coach wished to have them work, gladly, and the Captain and the Coach have only too gladly taken advantage of experience and maturer judgment.

These men are already looking forward to next year, when they can complete still more satisfactorily the work which they have begun so well this year.

Football appears to be almost purely athletic "work"—*New Haven Correspondence New York Evening Post*.

Not so. Football has been enjoyed as a sport at Yale by more people this Fall than ever before in our memory. A suggestion yet to be acted upon is the development of the Association game for light players. If this can be satisfactorily put through, greater good than ever will come to the general body of students from football.

The usually excellently informed correspondent of the *New York Evening Post* writes as follows:

Very likely one of the earliest and certainly one of the most important objects of the new body's attention will be the possibility of combining the later work of the academic department with the earlier work of the professional schools—a subject which for some time at Yale has been actively discussed, and among the professors in the schools has found considerable support.

May the support of the furtherance of this idea be a diminishing and disappearing factor in the situation. This is a move too strongly in the direction of things purely utilitarian. An academic course is meant as a protest and safeguard against a utilitarian view and use of life. Let us not begin to operate on its vital principle.

CURRENT YALE LITERATURE.

The *Yale Review* for November comments editorially on the "Gains and Losses from our Recent Public Policy" regarding the Philippines and discusses "The Philosophy of Modern Advertising." In the body articles Mr. William F. Willoughby, of the U. S. Department of Labor, contributes an instructive

article on "The Modern Movement for the Housing of the Working Classes in France." Mr. George K. Holmes, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in a discussion of "Some of the Economic Conditions of the Farmer" reveals some remarkable facts and figures. Professor James T. Young, of the University of Pennsylvania, in an article entitled "Liberty versus Efficiency" draws some very significant comparisons between the form and spirit of our American governmental institutions as they exist at the present time. Mr. Edward Porritt makes an interesting résumé of "British Municipal and Educational Legislation in 1899." In the "Notes," Mr. Porritt discusses "Subsidy and Bounty Legislation in Canada in 1899"; Professor John C. Schwab contributes some interesting "Statistics of College Graduates"; and Dr. A. G. Keller, of Yale University, furnishes a brief notice on the "Labor of School Children in Denmark." The number concludes with the usual book reviews. This department is made of more practical value by the addition of shorter book notices under the head of "Recent Literature." The *Yale Review* is published quarterly by Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, New Haven, Conn.

The contents of the *American Journal of Science* for December are as follows: The Highest Aim of the Physicist, by H. A. Rowland; Notice of an Aerolite that recently fell at Allegan, Michigan, by H. L. Ward; Note on a New Meteoric Iron found near Iredell, Bosque County, Texas, U. S. A., by W. M. Foote; New Occurrence of Nepheline Syenite in New Jersey, by F. L. Ransome; Fauna of the Magellanian Beds of Punta Arenas, Chile, by A. E. Ortmann; Results of the International Cloud Work for the United States, by F. H. Bigelow; Bacillaria of the Occidental Sea, by A. M. Edwards; Volumetric Estimation of Cerium, by P. E. Browning; Estimation of Thallium as the Chromate, by P. E. Browning and G. P. Hutchins.

Other Notes.

The December *Atlantic* might be called a Chicago number, for three of the most striking articles are by Chicago authors. Harriet Monroe's "The Grand Canon of the Colorado," is an effective sketch of nature and natural scenery; Mrs. Elia W. Peattie's lively "The Artistic Side of Chicago," pictures the aesthetic, artistic, educational, and literary features of the great city, while the short story "The Detectives," by Will Payne, is a capital example of the power of Chicago writers in romantic fiction.

In the December *Century* is a prose-poem of Henryk Sienkiewicz, Englished by his authorized translator, Jeremiah Curtin, and not yet published even in Polish. It is called "The Judgment of Peter and Paul on Olympus." Sir Walter Besant begins in the December *Century* a series of papers illustrating life in East London, as it is to-day. His manner of treating the subject is that of the novelist, rather than the essayist, for he takes as his point of departure the birth of a typical girl of the East End—"One of Two Millions in East London,"—and traces her career to the time of her marriage at seventeen to a young countryman who has come up to town to make his living as a porter. Liz is a "Board School" girl, and Sir Walter holds that what the average East Londoner learns from books at school he afterwards forgets; but that the civilizing influence of the schools is incalculable, and has marvelously transformed the East End within the past

In December *Outing*, there are ten pages of football matter alone, comprising dates, scores, and a concise description of all the important games played in the East, Middle West, and South, finely illustrated; this record matter makes *Outing* especially valuable.

A "Championship Fire" System Approved.

[Daily Princetonian.]

One thing was proved beyond a doubt—that the method employed in the construction of the last two championship fires is far superior to that of former years. In point of brilliancy and duration, last night's production excelled any of its predecessors. Indeed, great credit is due the men who managed the celebration for the able manner in which it was conducted.

Harvard and Yale.

[Harvard Crimson.]

This year, the inclination towards friendly, personal intercourse with Yale men is more thoroughly predominant than in years past. The meetings of the two Universities have of late been always most sportsmanlike, and from the very nature of the relations now existing, there seems to be springing up a stronger feeling of affiliation arising from a sense of common interests and the desirability of mutual good-fellowship.

SYSTEMATIC SAVING.

Although it has been asserted that "order is heaven's first law," very many people on earth dislike to be tied down to the dull routine of any particular method or system.

The failure of the multitude to follow up self-imposed rules, the observance of which is dependent upon their own unassisted wills, is an illustration of this fact. Many fail from carelessness and many more from lack of perseverance.

In no respect is this failure more common than in that of the systematic saving of money. The resolution is often made and the practice begun; but although the opportunity continues the practice ceases. The monthly deposits in the savings bank continue regularly for a while, are omitted once or twice, continued again, again omitted, become occasional, and then cease altogether.

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