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THE ATHLETIC SITUATION.

The baseball game of last Saturday at Princeton shows that the Yale Nine can play the game in a form at least equal to that of any college Nine in the country. We believe, and we might as well say it at the risk of seeming immodest, that no amateur nine in the country could withstand the game Yale played at Princeton last Saturday, conditions being equal. Princeton defeated Yale by playing better ball for one inning, which was just the right time, and the magnificent rally is one which every Princeton man should be proud of. But no nine could make a rally like that once in a hundred times, and when a comparison of the play of the two teams is made, we must add to what the score card shows, the plain advantage to the men who overthrew Yale of playing on home ground. The fact does not detract from Princeton's splendid record, but adds to the credit due Captain Camp and his men.

There is little more to be said. The College will now expect the Nine to play just as good ball in Cambridge on the 21st, and to do even better. They must not strike out with the bases full; they must stop a batting streak if it starts, by any measures which the law allows; they must make their hits when they want them, and keep as steady as church towers even in the midst of chaos. Yale is proud of the game played last Saturday by her Nine, and expects to see it repeated and bettered on the 21st and on the 26th.

As for the College at large, it has begun to improve its feeling. A sense of individual responsibility is appearing and more interest is being shown. The size of the delegation to Princeton was larger than for many years, though not nearly so large as it ought to have been. One fact at New Haven Saturday, was very peculiar. To judge from the handful around the score board, the College hardly knew that the game was being played. Some explained it by saying that the College expected defeat and did not want to watch the score. But the College has no business to expect defeat any more than the Nine has a right to go on the field and think there is any possibility of coming off of it losers.

Yale is on the up road. There is more good baseball material in College than

for years. Track athletics are more promising than for at least a college generation. There is unity and the right spirit in the Crew, and the Crew is coming into form. Football has not had so bright an outlook for a long while. All this is from the standpoint of what has been done by men in charge of these different interests and the athletes themselves. No one is so foolish as to predict results, but we believe there has been no time when there was so much reason to expect the different Yale organizations to do work worthy of the traditions of Yale than at the present moment. We believe with all our heart that it will be done. We also believe that any man who fails to show the spirit of loyal support and confidence in those who represent Yale today, and to do his part, whatever it may be, towards strengthening their hands and their spirit, will do his little part towards preventing a result which all devoutly pray for. If there ever was a time when working together had as much promise in it as it does to-day, we cannot recall it.

AN INVITATION.

Graduates of Yale returning to New Haven this month or at any other time, are very cordially invited to call at the ALUMNI WEEKLY offices, 1016 Chapel Street, and to command such service of the paper or its staff as may further the pleasure or profit of their stay in New Haven.

How Yale Takes It.

[Yale News Editorial.]

The attention of every graduate and undergraduate in this land was centered on our Nine at Princeton on Saturday. They wanted, first of all, to see their representatives play a plucky, gentlemanly, clean-cut game of ball. In this their hopes were gratified and it is because of this that they are so proud of their Team to-day. In the second place, they wanted to see Yale win. In this they were disappointed. The occasion was a great one at Princeton and our men were not equal to it. They were more than equal to it for eight innings, but finally succumbed. The tremendous enthusiasm displayed by the Princeton supporters was only natural and should not be misconstrued into an excuse for our defeat. We cannot say we were outplayed; but we can say we were fairly and squarely beaten. The past year has been the most successful in Princeton's history, from an athletic standpoint, and she deserves congratulations.

Of course it is not pleasant to lose. A defeat such as was experienced at Princeton on Saturday is certainly chagrining. In spite of all this, we venture to assert that, largely as a result of that defeat, a brighter era is dawning and that the tide will soon turn. The University is a unit in commending the work of our Team on Saturday. Of no other contest in which the Team has taken part can this be truly said. Until then there was always something which somebody found to criticize. This attitude has changed; those who were unloyal critics are, now, loyal supporters. Everyone seems to be aroused to the situation and to realize his personal responsibility. Mr. Camp, in his remarks at the ALUMNI WEEKLY banquet, emphasized the need of this feeling of a personal responsibility to good advantage.

With such a spirit and such a Team we cannot but feel encouraged as we look to the games which are to follow. It is no longer necessary to urge men to enthuse; every man is stirred to the very fibres. We are all ready to help all we can to win the Harvard series and hereby offer our services.

Nathan Hale Celebration.

Wednesday, June 6, was celebrated in East Haddam, Conn., as Nathan Hale Day. This date was chosen as being the one hundred and forty-fifth anniversary of Hale's birth, and as making two hundred years since the town was separated from old Haddam on the west side of

the river. In the morning at Goodspeed's Opera House, the townspeople held exercises commemorative of their anniversary, and in the afternoon occurred the dedication of the Nathan Hale school-house under the auspices of the New York and Connecticut Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution. After the morning program was finished, a bronze bust of Hale, standing on the spot where the school house was originally located, was unveiled and presented to the town.

After a beautiful luncheon at Maplewood Hall, the procession marched to the newly formed Nathan Hale Memorial Park surrounding the school house. The building has been used for a dwelling house for a number of years, but was recently presented to Richard Henry Greene of New York City, by whose efforts it was moved to its present site overlooking the Connecticut River. It was in this house that Nathan Hale first taught school after his graduation from Yale in 1773. Several thousand people were present and among them many guests from all parts of Connecticut and New York City. Large delegations from both the New York and Connecticut branches of the S. A. R. came on two special trains. Governor Lounsbury and staff in full uniform, and the First Company Governor's Foot Guards of Hartford were present, Colt's Band of Hartford, and the famous Moodus Drum Corp, in their old Continental uniforms, furnished music. The day was all the more interesting to Yale men because of the alumni who were among the speakers. They were Judge Francis M. Finch, '49, of Ithaca, N. Y.; Richard H. Greene, '62, of New York; Gov. George E. Lounsbury, '62, of Connecticut; ex-Gov. Morgan G. Bulkeley, Hon. '89, and Francis H. Parker, '76 L.S., of Hartford; William E. Nichols, '86, of East Haddam, and Rollin U. Tyler, '86, of Haddam. The school house is to be maintained and kept as the annual meeting place of the Connecticut Sons of the American Revolution.

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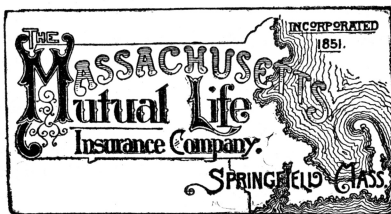
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Sophomore Societies.

The Faculty have allowed it to be known that no action by that body on the matter of Sophomore Societies need be expected the present term. The position of the Faculty is that the Societies, by virtue of the fact that they have not been allowed to take in any new members, are in a state of virtual suspension. They believe that the members of the Societies are anxiously seeking the best solution of the case, and that the time of the Summer vacation will give all who are interested an opportunity to reach the safest conclusion. They do not wish to take a step which will antagonize the students, and still much prefer to have them settle the matter themselves. This, they are confident, will eventually be accomplished. Something definite is looked for early next Fall.

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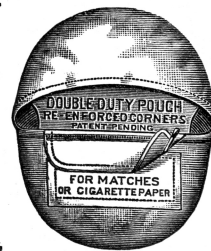
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