

ON THE REFORM OF FOOTBALL

WE note in a recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (January 2, 1932) an editorial under the above heading; the second on the game of Rugby football which has appeared in that journal during the past two months. Certainly the fatalities of the game this season have been startling, and have called for severe comment from the public press. The *Journal* quotes from an editorial in the *Yale Alumni Weekly* which admits that it is shocked by the staggering roll of the past season. Collegiate magazines, while referring to facts, hesitate to make any constructive suggestions for reform. Some academic institutions that foster the game appear more interested in the scandals of professionalism that have been unearthed than in health hazards and in the above fatalities.

Of the more noted coaches, who appear to be increasing in number with the size of the gate receipts, and who write in defence of the game, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* quotes Glen S. Warner, of Stanford University, who, when interviewed, stated: "It just happens that there have been more accidents than usual. There is no denying the fact that football is a rough game, and it will always be a rough game so long as its two important fundamentals are tackling and blocking, in which players must meet each other in personal collisions." Coach Howard Jones, of the University of