

amateur sport and those that did not.

The new Canadian Amateur Athletic Union immediately flourished, and to-day is the most vigorous, and most purely amateur organization that has ever existed in Canada. It is growing stronger each day, and is constantly adding to its constituency the best athletic elements in the Dominion. The Canadian Amateur Athletic Union is a sort of federation of all amateur bodies, rather than an autocratic organization that seeks to dictate athletic policies, and this is the most reasonable form of athletic administration.

Unfortunately, through misunderstanding, the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States severed its alliance with the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union.

In the meantime the athletic clubs favoring the use of the paid athlete on the same teams with the amateurs, formed an organization known as the Federation. Strange to say this body was received into an alliance with the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. In making this alliance, however, it presented a very interesting amateur statement. This refers only to its track and field sports and basketball. Indeed the Federation was will-

ing to agree to an amateur proposition from an athletic body outside of Canada, which it refused to make with a truly Canadian body, and strange to record, showed anti-Canadian loyalty in the Olympic games of London. However, we believe, that even the friends of the Federation were not sympathetic with this attitude.

Now, where are the Colleges in this struggle for clean sport? Theirs is largely an attitude of neutrality. Some disregard both organizations. Some support the Canadian A. A. U., a few play Federation teams. The Colleges and Universities should, because of a strong national spirit, thrust themselves into the game and help to score results. The Canadian A. A. U., together with the Colleges and Universities of the Dominion can, if they are interested in conserving what is best in Canada's sports, and purging what is bad, bring about those conditions where the play life and athletic sports throughout the land will make for health and physical power, will develop skill and make for character and truly exalt the nation.

These are the conditions in Canada's athletics. What shall be the Colleges' relation thereto?

IN THE SPRING FIELDS.

I tread the uplands where the wind's foot-falls,
 Stir leaves in gusty hollows, autumn's arms,
 Seaward the river's shining breast expands,
 High in the windy pines a lone crow calls,
 And far below, some patient ploughman turns
 His great black furrow over steaming lands.

—Wilfrid Campbell