

several principals and professors of colleges have been obliged to take cognizance of it, who otherwise would no doubt, like their brethren in the Old Country, rightly consider that it was a matter beyond their proper province and might well be left to the students themselves. In his last report President Elliot of Harvard strongly condemns the undue indulgence in athletics there, and our countryman, the venerable Dr. McCosh, ex-president of Princeton College, has been giving his views of the subject. The Doctor is of opinion that, kept in their proper place, athletics at college are a good thing. While he agrees with Dr. Elliot in thinking that students ought to be restrained, 'as far as is consistent with their perfect liberty,' he does not think he has taken the wisest course, and so does not agree with him altogether. The evil of athletics, Dr. McCosh considers, is that one student in ten neglects his studies in order to give too much attention to his bodily exercise, and most of the other nine neglect such exercise. What is needed, he says, is something to make all the students get exercise enough, and not more than enough. At present the strongest men, who need physical development least, get the most, while the weak ones, who need it most, get none.

—In order to regulate due indulgence in athletics at colleges, and to correct all the existing evils, Dr. McCosh suggests that a convention of representatives of all the colleges should be called for the purpose of framing and agreeing upon uniform rules. Formerly, on three different occasions, the Doctor called such a convention, but the proposal fell through because two of the colleges refused to take part. He, however, is still of opinion that it is the proper course to adopt, and he thinks that there is sufficient wisdom in all the colleges to make the necessary rules. Dr. McCosh is also of opinion that each college should have a perpetual body of men to superintend the department of outdoor sports, to restrain excesses, and to encourage liberty and activity among all the students. This body, he thinks, should consist of the President of the college and two or three of the faculty; and he would not object to the students themselves having one or two representatives on it. He does not care to lay down any code of rules as to football, or any other game, in advance of the action of the proposed convention; but he has no hesitation in saying that some of the games are too rough as now played, and that no outrageous play or neglect of study should be allowed. He is further of opinion that professional students should be excluded from inter-collegiate contests, but which, he thinks, cannot be