

our locality in central and northern New York and the New England states it might, for instance, be possible to do away with paid coaches, or at any rate, as has been proposed, to have a director of athletics and assistants who would be members of the faculty, receiving a salary comparable to that of other members of the college, and thus form a truly amateur college league. I should like very much to see such a league beginning with the nucleus of Hamilton, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, and Union, all colleges of high academic standing and of about the same athletic strength. It seems to me that it is bad sportsmanship for the teams of these smaller colleges to engage in games which are mere matters of practice for the big universities but serious matters of life and limb for the small colleges. Again, it is a matter of money. Big colleges pay a handsome guarantee for which the small colleges are willing to endure a thorough drubbing, but in other sporting matters we do not proceed in this way, and match a famous heavy-weight against an almost unknown light-weight.

If such truly amateur leagues could be formed among small colleges such as I have named, and others, that are eligible because of their standing and geographical propinquity, much good in the way of example might come from it for the great universities. The members of such leagues might compete in all games,—football, track, baseball, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, hockey, and association football.

I for one will be glad to negotiate with nearby colleges of good academic standing and similar athletic strength for the formation of such a league, and I shall be glad to vouch personally for the amateur standing of our teams. At Union we give scholarships only to scholars, though we are glad when these scholars have participated in school activities and are interested in games, and this we state frankly on our scholarship blanks. To argue that the Rhodes scholars are chosen because of their athletic ability is pure piffle. I have sat on the election board of two states for a number of years, and know that Rhodes scholars are chosen because of scholarship, character, and good sportsmanship, which is another name for character.

I should very much like to see the football and other teams of such a league coached by an old graduate of the college who coached for the pure love of sport and because of his interest in helping to develop young men. I do not think we can copy the