

dizing, and proselytizing, and see to it strictly in our own circle that no undergraduate in college or university receives material gain and is appointed to any position simply because he is an athlete on a team. We must not go so far, however, as to hamper the athlete, for we all know that the more *bona fide* student athletes we have in college, the finer and stronger the life of the college.

Perhaps we can hope to work out of this seemingly hopeless muddle by some course of positive rather than negative action. A good many undergraduates in colleges feel that it is unjust that they should be taxed yearly in order that thirty or forty highly-selected athletes should be trained by a highly-paid coach to meet the highly-selected athletes of some other college. They resent, too, being dragged every Saturday afternoon to the stadium to show their spirit by shouting themselves hoarse. Many of them would prefer to read or to engage in games themselves rather than to be mere onlookers. This growing spirit, I believe, should be encouraged. In some of the small colleges we are going further and further in the direction of intra-mural athletics. At a small college like Union, for instance, where we take 800 men, I should like to see 800 men at play between three and five every afternoon. Amateur athletics can have a real educational value in the building of men, and we should have room enough in our gymnasiums, tennis courts, playing fields, for any student who wishes to take exercise and indulge in games any afternoon. Instead of a crowd of onlookers, we need crowds of players.

Of course it is very difficult to see how the big universities that have built or are building stadia and are under the necessity of paying interest on their bonded indebtedness for construction, can retrace their steps without a serious loss of money. I have been hoping for some years that the big and well-established universities in the east, like Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, would lead the way out of this athletic maze in which we are now wandering. There seems to be no sign of this however, and it was with a sinking heart that I recently read in the paper that the great University of Columbia, had engaged an \$18,000 coach to train her squad of football players.

It is just possible that some of the athletic evils might be cured by regarding the situation from the point of view of localities rather than by endeavoring to make regulations for the whole country. Perhaps the smaller colleges might show the way. In