

before it is born." Dr. Phelan thinks, and properly, that we should try to prevent crime by training the wayward child, in order that we may not have to punish the wayward man. We should do more. We should try to prevent the birth of what may be a wayward child by preventing the marriage of defective and wayward adults. This is where the great work must be done. All sentimentality about marriage must be cast aside and proper regulations adopted that would restrain as far as possible the union of defectives. There are any number of marriages now taking place among epileptics, semi-criminals, weak-minded people, and chronic drunkards that ought not to be permitted. This is the *fons et origo malorum*; this is the polluted spring that give an unhallowed stream.

There are those who believe in the castration of male degenerates. We are of the number. It is simple, safe, cheap and effective. It is a most humane act to the person, as it very often takes away from him his tendency to crime, and his character undergoes a marked change, becoming more docile and placid.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON.

What number of players may be killed or permanently injured this year we do not yet know. That many will be seriously the worse for the season's playing there is no doubt.

Cock fighting has been ended by law. The bull fight has gone in most countries, especially in those in any pretence at civilization. The pugilist has now scarce any place to rest his foot upon. All this is the outcome of the plain fact that these sports were so brutal in their character as to bring upon them the opprobrium of public opinion.

In the case of football the game still flourishes, notwithstanding that the bull fight or the ring is not to be compared with it as agencies for causing loss of life or permanent disability. Among associated press despatches for this year we have noticed several instances of the evil results of the brutal way in which football is played. The following despatches are of this sort:—

Ithaca, N.Y., Oct. 28.—Following a meeting of the Cornell Athletic Council to-day Dean Smith announced on account of the death of L. B. Paine, who died last night after having receiving injuries in a football scrimmage on October 18, and out of respect for him, the game with Williams will not be played to-morrow. An autopsy will be held this afternoon in an effort to determine how much this football injury was responsible for the death.