

one thing, some for another. Most of them probably desire the complete deletion of intercollegiate contests.

It is not unlikely that we have in our number here representatives of each of these groups. And if this be true, it is obviously futile to discuss methods until we have tried to come to some agreement regarding the ends which we desire to attain. I am accordingly offering a brief confession of athletic faith, which formulates certain of the more important results that ought, in my judgment, to flow from an athletic system or policy. If we can agree on some or all of the articles in such a creed, we can then proceed with advantage to consider ways and means, and can frame some estimate of the chance that a given system will achieve the aims we desire to secure. The mere statement of such a platform may serve to throw into relief any substantial differences of opinion among us. If these be incapable of reconciliation, then we are foredoomed to diversity of practice, or to some compromise which will represent the genuine conviction of neither party to the controversy. But, granting community of ideals, we can proceed with no sacrifice of convictions to test out experimentally the relative fitness of one or another method to attain our aims.

Brief Confession of Faith in Matters Athletic.

1. I believe in the intelligent control of the life of the body that it may be the obedient servant of the mind, and, in particular, I believe in physical exercise adequate in kind and amount to maintain health, develop physical and mental vigor, prolong life, and increase happiness. Therefore,
2. I believe in the development of wholesome games and sports, particularly those that are conducted out of doors.
3. I believe such sports should in and of themselves give real joy and recreation, and that they should depend as little as possible upon extrinsic motives, such as social prestige, newspaper notoriety, and the like.
4. I believe that these sports should be of a kind to develop both moral and physical courage and self-control, teach generous subordination of the individual, and train leadership and the sense of responsibility to the group. I believe that the motive of keen, honorable competition and rivalry properly controlled is one of the finest weapons in the moral arsenal.
5. I believe that every man in a college group physically able to do so should be a participant in one or more of the college sports, and that he should chiefly follow those from which he gets real fun. I believe that not a few of these men will need special corrective exercises for specific physical defects, but this is a minor problem.