

greatness to the Athenian sports or athletics. It is also true that the Athenian and Roman athletics did not delay by one fraction of a day the downfall of these countries. That a few increase temporarily their muscular strength by devotion of athletics does not prove that the student body as a whole is in the least degree made stronger or healthier. The great majority are only onlookers at these sports and athletics, and perform the very humble duty of "rooting."

When President Lowell uttered these words was he aware of the young man who met his death in a game of football with the Harvard team? or had he read the following items of the cruel and fatal injuries of other young men at games of football?

"Utica, N. Y., Nov. 6.—Joseph Pickering, 17 years old, member of the Caze-Nova football eleven, sustained what are believed to be mortal injuries in a game with the Colgate Academy eleven at Hamilton this afternoon. During a scrimmage Pickering was buried under a pile of struggling players and his spine subjected to terrific pressure, resulting in the fracturing of a vertebra."

"Washington, Nov. 14.—Football has claimed another victim in Archer Christian, the 18-year-old left half-back of the University of Virginia team, whose injuries in the game with Georgetown University yesterday afternoon was followed by his death at Georgetown University Hospital this morning."

Or let us read the following:—

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 25.—Five football players were injured, two seriously, to-day in a game between Washington State College and Whitman College. Clarence Morrow, right guard for Whitman, sustained three broken ribs, and William Clemens, Whitman's centre, was unconscious for five hours from a blow on the head. He is reported to be in a critical condition.

We would like to know if President Lowell would ask for more athletics of the type of the football played at the present day which this year has caused the death of thirty young men and seriously injured several hundreds? We would like to know if this is the sort of game that young men aiming to be the leaders of public opinion, and that professors and presidents of universities should encourage?

Already Palmer E. Pierce, President of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association of the United States, has called a halt, and has raised his voice in favor of preventing "degrading a once noble sport to the plane of a brutal gladiatorial contest."

We have already said that we have no word to say against healthy, manly sports. What we do declaim against is a sort of sport that imperils life and limb to such an extent as modern football does. At the Belfast meeting of the British Medical Association there were a num-