

who will enforce the rules strictly. In our smaller towns especially it is promoted by the sporting element and gives rise to the evils of betting, of interference by outsiders with school regulations, and with such a premium placed upon victory that an unsuccessful coach, in the sense of winning games, has difficulty in keeping his position even though he may be a good coach and have the finest influence over the boys in his charge.

I would say a word in behalf of track and field athletics. The great advantage of these from the school point of view is that many students may take part and that many boys who cannot participate in other sports can find a place within the varied scope of the kinds of activities involved. Team play and co-operation are present in these sports to a somewhat limited extent, so that the work is not entirely individual in character. The caution here is against over-exertion and participation in too many events. The presence of a well-trained coach is more imperative in this work than in almost any other.

Rowing is also a splendid sport, but unfortunately the expense involved and the lack of facilities in many places mean that it has to be ruled out of general consideration.

The value of sane athletics in general is so great and the opportunities so varied that I urge you to have your sons become actual participants and not passive spectators.

The question is so large that it is impossible to treat it properly in ten minutes. If you wish a more extended discussion I shall be glad, if you will write me, to refer you to several good discussions which you can easily secure.

I close as I began, by saying that I believe thoroughly in athletics for boys, but only under the direction of men of high ideals, who will not subordinate the welfare of your son to the desire for victory.

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