

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR HEALTH

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"Athletic and Play Terminology Dominate Our Everyday Action and Thought".

Since early history man has been dominated by the influence of play and games. Athletic figures of speech have been used by our leaders to portray their meanings.

As a boy, Paul, the apostle, lived in Tarsus, a Greek university town where he saw her strong young men strive for mastery. Having seen a great Glenn Cunningham of the early Greek time running a marvelous race, he was so impressed that he used a strong athletic figure of speech in his letter to the Corinthians when he said, "Seeing we are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith".

In America today Glenn Cunningham is the symbol of the champion of track. His rugged body, his sterling and resolute qualities of fair play and leadership have caught the fancy of the sporting world.

A very interesting incident happened in Topeka last year. While attending the Kansas High School Basketball Tournament there, I was attracted to an unusual sight. Swarming up the broad concrete sidewalk were a number of Topeka youngsters going to the high school gymnasium. Suddenly as a flame, a foot race struck up. With all the spontaneity that goes with a group of youngsters, the boys were madly dashing up the walk toward the gymnasium. As is usually the case, a champion was crowned. One rugged youngster, having outdistanced his dozen or more competitors, uttered a victorious cry: "You can't catch me. I am Glenn Cunningham".

This is but one incident of thousands, perhaps, that have dominated the thoughts of our American boy, superinduced by Glenn Cunningham running the