

shown by a test; that his scholarship was at least of a II grade; and that his deportment and attendance was I.

The Intercollegiate Association has an opportunity to unify the athletics of America into a great system which will be a credit to the college world and an honor to the nation.

There are three factors which seem to me to have had an influence in the progress of athletics during the past generation, and which will work for a further progress if directed aright.

First, in the life of a student there is need for some form of exercise. President Eliot said of the student of the eighties that he was a person of undeveloped muscle, a bad carriage, an impaired digestion; without skill in outdoor games; unable to ride, row, swim, or shoot. Exercise is for such a one a necessity.

Second, the life of a student gives the opportunity for acquiring skill at the same time that he is getting his needed recreation, and it is failure to recognize this point that leads to a scarcity of athletes in any university.

Third, there is an enthusiasm for, and a loyalty towards, his Alma Mater which leads a student to make sacrifices for her, that no mere reward could call out. The contest on an athletic field calls out, and indeed ought to call out, the same spirit which actuated our fathers when they sacrificed home, friends, and even life itself to maintain the honor and integrity of our country.

If, then, the college is to fill its position in the athletic world, and not to enter a period of decadence, as so many organizations have done, it must foster that kind of athletics which will accomplish the greatest good to the student body, by utilizing the elements which have made for progress in the past, and by maintaining such ideals of athletics as will appeal to the leaders of the country, and to the fathers and mothers of the athletes in high school and grammar school.