

all over the country, and of its reading rooms and gymnasiums which furnish entertainment for thousands of men, both young and old. The members of its numerous committees devote their lives and energies to the development of this association. Their time is spent in the formation of new societies and in visiting and encouraging those already organized. In this way the society keeps well abreast of its work, and permits of no opportunity for mistakes. One of the chief attractions of the Y. M. C. A. is the straight-forward, systematic way in which it does its work. In college or university, in town or city strangers are always welcomed by its members. It is next to impossible to visit any town in the United States without seeing the familiar sign "Y. M. C. A. Reading Rooms." And there one always meets with a pleasant welcome from cheery, hearty fellows who spend many of their loafing hours in these tasty rooms. In the larger cities and at many universities, handsome buildings may be found entirely devoted to the association; buildings which have cost thousands of dollars and which reflect credit upon this organization.

That the Y. M. C. A. is a society which greatly benefits the youth of this country is beyond dispute, and that it is so considered by the masses is evident from its popularity and growth. At least one reason for its success may be found in the fact that it strives to attain its objects by earnest effort and good example.

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AFTER considerable delay, due to some irregularity in the proceedings of the Inter-collegiate Association, it was decided that State should have the May meet. Our delegate and the members of the executive committee representing us worked hard to secure the meet for us, and the students should show their appreciation by doing all that lies in their power to make the meet a grand success. Last year Swarthmore had the meet and won the first place. Can not State do as well this year? Every man who

has the ability to enter any of the events should go out and train.

Do not think that because you can not make first place there is no use in trying, for the seconds and thirds are just as essential to success as are the firsts. Last year we had plenty of firsts, but no entries for second and third places. This year it should be different, State should be represented by the full number of men in every event.

And then one thing which every one should bear in mind, is that the association can not carry out its plans without finances. Every man who has not paid his dues to the association, should find means to pay them immediately. If you can not be of any practicable advantage, do not allow your negligence to be detrimental to the cause of athletics.

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PUBLIC opinion in regard to a college is influenced to a great extent by the character of the musical clubs and athletic teams which represent it. Such being the case the managers can not be too careful in looking after the affairs of the different organizations. And this applies with special force to athletics.

Too often the management has recourse to any method that will temporarily strengthen the team, without considering the effect which such a method, if generally carried out, would produce in the field of college athletics, and without concern as to whether the means employed will meet with the approbation of the student body.

It is but right that the management should work for the success of the team, but a success secured by other than straightforward methods, is at the best but a failure.

Whatever blame may rest upon team managers for the abuses in college athletics, the students as a whole, are responsible for the conditions that exist. When the sentiment of the student body is expressed in favor of straightforward dealings in all matters pertaining to athletics, the management must of a necessity fall into line with such sentiment.