

amount to bare one's head to the sharp weapon even of a friend. Civilization is rapidly relegating this pernicious sport to the barbaric ages, yet it is astonishing what a prestige it holds to-day.

Take it all in all, we must consider ourselves fortunate that we are of an American college. We ought to give thanks every day of our lives that we are subjects of Uncle Sam and that the stars and stripes form our banner. Though the opportunities for perfecting one's requirements in many lines are inferior to foreign advantages in our own good land, the air we breathe is the pure, undiluted ozone of liberty, than which there is nothing more pleasing to the heart of man.

FOOT BALL—ITS BENEFITS.

The close of the present football season brings pleasant recollections to the thousands of young men who have completed the course of training which is so necessary to the successful player. As the unfortunate young man looks back over the past three months, it is with the keenest appreciation of the manly game.

It may be true he has nursed bruised muscles, disfigured eyes, and even worse; but the training and discipline which he has undergone will last years after the injured body has been restored.

Why is it that the public in general, especially those who have never even so much as learned its principles, call it a brutal and unmanly game? Perhaps it is because of glowing newspaper accounts of broken bones, and even death, resulting from so-called football games.

It is certainly a sad sight to witness a free fight, which under any other head except football would be punished by the civil authorities. Nevertheless such exhibitions have been witnessed the past season, and will be seen in future years, unless measures are taken to suppress these riotous exhibitions, which are a disgrace to this great game as indulged in by representative teams of American colleges.

Under these conditions hundreds of men have sustained severe injuries, and it is not to be wondered at that the game is unpopular among those who have witnessed these exhibitions.

Let us look at the other side of this question. The man who can play the game throughout the entire season has an experience which will be of priceless value to him, in whatever sphere he may find his calling.