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Editorial Remarks

The fact that thirteen deaths and 296 injuries from football have occurred this season will furnish rich "pickings" for the calamity howler. On the face of it, these figures do seem astonishing, but a slight analysis of the facts lessen their significance greatly. Of the dead, only one was a university player, of the other twelve, three were under fourteen years of age, several on semi-professional teams or high school teams, and having little or no training. Under proper conditions, then, of training and physical requirements, only one fatality occurred. In the list of injuries cited are several which prove that the statistics were compiled with an effective newspaper "scare head" in view. Lookjaw, resulting from a cut knee, is one of the injuries; so is "being dazed by a severe tackle," "going stale from rigorous training," "finger sprains," etc. Even the physical collapse of Coach Stagg, who oversees and directs every branch of athletics in the University of Chicago, is attributed to the evil "football." An injury, however, slight, is deplorable and a death much more so, but even football should have a fair deal.

In this strenuous life which we are leading from day to day opportunity occurs for doing little else than our work. The story is the same from dawn to darkness, from week to week and from month to month, and so regular do we become in the various paths which we follow that we are prone to forget that there are other, and perhaps broader paths in which we might wander after with great profit. Repetition becomes routine, and while routine is good, yet too much routine is conducive to narrowness of mind and soul. An excellent opportunity to lessen the hum-drum of everyday routine is given to the University in the shape of the Art Exhibit. In this exhibit are shown master pieces of light and shadow, of colors, blending, shading and perspective. The Old Mill of our childhood is shown, meadows where we used to play, hills we used to climb and more than this, for there is shown a wealth of the artistic which we never dreamed of. There is some of the artistic in each of us, more latent in some than in others, it is true, but there, nevertheless, and a visit to the Art Exhibit will help every one. Such a visit will give a brighter aspect to this gray old world, make life seem gentler, and lessons easier.

Latest statistics show thirteen deaths and 296 injuries on the debit side of the ledger of this season's casualties chargeable to football. And,

remembering this, the fond mother, bless her, will implore her Johnnie, Willie or Georgie, when he goes away to school next fall, not to play that awful cruel game. And Johnnie, Willie or Georgie, as the case may be, will promise just as dutifully as he once promised not to go beyond his depth when he went swimming or not to skate where the ice was not "real strong," and will keep his promise just as he used to.

In Other Colleges

President Jordan, of Stanford University, has issued a rule prohibiting smoking on or near the University quadrangle.

At Minnesota the custom is in vogue of having the audience as well as the judges vote as to the outcome of the various debates.

Purdue University has recently received a check from the Big Four railway as that company's share in the amount being raised to erect a memorial to the Purdue students who perished in the fatal football wreck which occurred a year ago this fall. \$100,000.00 of the desired \$100,000 has already been subscribed.

The registration at Harvard this year is 5,500 as compared to 6,400 of last year. President Elliot explains the falling off to the requirement of the bachelor degree for admission to the technical schools and to the fact that many of the students are finishing their courses in three years.

IN THE DEBATING WORLD.

The members of the winning team, in the Annual Freshman-Sophomore debate at Minnesota are each awarded a \$25 prize. Inter class debating contests are important functions in Minnesota's forensic work. Three more inter-class debating leagues have been formed this fall.

Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell have formed a triangular debating league by which all three universities debate on the same subject on the same date. Each university enters two teams, one of which debates at home. The other away, one team supporting the affirmative of the question under discussion and the other the negative. Negotiations are being held for the purpose of forming Harvard, Yale and Princeton into a similar league.

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