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**THE CLOSE OF THE SEASON.**

The football season has at last closed, and the entire male portion of the student body and a large part of the co-ed part will now be able to turn to their books and cram in the endeavor to keep in the University. It was certainly most unkind for the executive office to decide upon the week before Thanksgiving as the crucial point in determining whether a student's work is of a quality to justify his retention in the University, but the registrar and his assistants will doubtless make due allowance for all delinquencies and give each student

**Columbia "Kills Football."**

"Columbia University has abolished the game of football," says a press dispatch from New York city. Hereafter no student of that institution will be allowed to participate in the game as it is now played.

This action was taken at a meeting of the University's committee on student organizations held November 28, when the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, On and after December 31st, 1905, the football association of Columbia University shall be disbanded, before which date all its accounts shall be settled to the satisfaction of the comptroller of student organization.

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this committee the game of football shall be abolished and the committee respectfully recommends to the university council that the game be prohibited at Columbia University."

The action of this committee is final, as the students are not permitted to play without the consent of the committee.

In explaining the committee's action, Professor Lord said:

"Only by such radical steps can the university and college life be rid of an obsession, which it is believed has become as burdensome to the great mass of students as it has proved itself harmful to academic standing and dangerous to human life."

While the Columbia faculty was abolishing the game from that institution, the faculty of New York University was drawing up resolutions inviting representatives from every school with which it has played football since the organization of its team in 1885 to hold a joint conference on December 8 for the purpose of either altering or abolishing the sport. In

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adopted the resolution that "American football as now played is not a game suitable as an athletic sport for institutions of learning, and unless the authorities controlling the game make radical changes we shall favor its discontinuance in Iowa colleges next fall." The Iowa "Big Four"—Grinnell, Ames, Drake and Iowa—however, did not vote on the resolution.

**'07 Hats.**

In addition to their many blessings, the Juniors are also thankful for the fact that their class hats arrived Thanksgiving day morning and may be had at Armstrong Clothing company upon the payment of fifty cents and the production of a receipt from the members of the Junior Hat committee stating size of hat ordered.

A good many of the '07 hats are already in evidence about the campus. A few of them still remain uncalled for at the store and Armstrong requests all Juniors who have ordered hats to call for them as soon as possible. The order given by the chairman of the Junior Hat committee called for one hundred hats. In addition to these a number of extras were ordered. The extras and those remaining uncalled for will be sold after the end of this week.

Edwin Curtis, a former student at Nebraska and the recent county superintendent-elect of Kearney county, was on the campus visiting University friends during the Thanksgiving recess.

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the benefit of the doubt as to whether or not he would have done better had it been later in the winter.

But no sane student will confine himself to his books, and some new form of amusement and recreation must be provided. Gymnasium work is good, but it is dry and does not have the flavor of out-of-doors. Theaters furnish plenty of amusement, but little beneficial exercise. Some attractive, bracing out-of-doors sport must be found. Skating fills every requirement. An effort was made last year to have the Athletic Board turn the field into a skating rink, but no action was taken on account of the sharp slope to the north, which would necessitate the construction of a veritable lake. In view of the advantages to be derived from this rink, if constructed, however, we deem it permissible to suggest it once more. In the first forty yards of the gridiron there is very little fall, and a two-foot bank at the north end of this stretch would be sufficient to hold the requisite amount of water. Why not look into this, gentlemen of the Athletic Board?

Margaret Grimmison, '05, and Minnie Patrashek, also '05, attended the Illinois game Thursday. They are teaching this year.

addition to these resolutions, the faculty pledged itself as "unanimous in recommending that its committee on student organizations be instructed to support the first resolution that the present game of football ought to be abolished."

From Harvard, a day later, comes the news that its board of overseers is strongly opposed to the game as it is being played at present; and that unless the rules of play are radically revised it, too, will follow the action of Columbia in abolishing the game.

Among western universities, Northwestern seems to be the first to seriously consider disbanding that branch of athletics. Sunday's "Record-Herald" says that unless a decided reformation in the game is brought about the Evanston school will follow in Columbia's footsteps and abolish the game entirely. The majority of the members of the board of trustees are in favor of the abolition of the game on account of its roughness and because they consider it out of keeping with university spirit. They think that as a sport it could be well supplanted by something more dignified.

Following this move against the game by Northwestern, the colleges of Iowa, in their athletic conference held at Des Moines, last Saturday,

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