

without any reserve whatever: "Truth, stern unbending truth."

"What does this signify? Nothing less than that the Republic is safe, now and in future. Does that seem to you an extravagant assertion? I think I can prove, by a few simple sentences, that it is but a plain, incontestible truth.

"The vital principle of a democratic republic is public opinion. As long as public opinion is in a healthy condition, nothing is to be feared. Not that everything is just as one would wish it to be, or even as it might be or ought to be. That is impossible in any political, and social structure, the human mind can devise, simply because in every one the actors are men with their conflicting interest, passions, and intellectual and moral shortcomings. When I said nothing is to be feared, I meant that there must be sufficient vitality in the commonwealth, sooner or later, after more or less severe and painful struggles, to overcome all its political and social ailments so far that the ultimate result will always be a continuous progress in the arduous march of civilization. That is all mankind can achieve, and, therefore, is all we have a right to expect and demand from any people.

The display of energetic activity in the field of historical research, all aglow with the holy enthusiasm for truth, is, however, absolutely incompatible with an unhealthy condition of public opinion. The history of all the leading European nations abounds with striking illustrations of this highly suggestive fact. But, if the assertion holds good with regard to monarchies and aristocracies, is it not self-evident that it must do so in an infinitely higher degree with regard to a democratic republic?"

A certain lord spent 70,000 pounds or \$350,000 per annum in Oxford. It is not at all uncommon for a young man to spend three or four thousand pounds while there. Still a student can get along comfortably with one hundred pounds per term of eight weeks.—Ex.

### ATHLETIC.

Each member of the Yale eleven will receive a miniature gold foot-ball and a picture of each player, as a sweet reminder of sore shins and bruised heads.

The band of the State University of Kansas have the right kind of college spirit. They intend to help the base-ball team win fame. During the game, if Kansas is ahead, they will play some lively tune, but when the opposing team is ahead, they will play the "Dead March in Saul." Why would it not be well for our band to do likewise? It certainly would cause more interest to be taken in our games. We suggest that our band play "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay," if we are ahead, and "Listen to My Tale of Woe," if we are losing.

In an institution as large as ours, there are so many different kinds of athletic sports that it is impossible for the athletic editor to keep posted on what is for the best of each particular branch. For this reason, we would ask that those who are interested in any particular line furnish us any and all information they may have that would be of interest to the student body. This is the only way a good athletic column can be run. Each one understands the conditions, needs, and the situation in general of the sport in which he is most interested, and for this reason he can write a better article than one who knows little or nothing about what he is writing. We take this opportunity to thank James Lunn for his article on boating, and hope that we may receive articles from others on interesting topics.

### BOATING.

Spring is upon us, and these bright days tell us to get out in the open air and to take part in those sports which find place in the colleges and universities all over the land.

The most important spring sports in the East are base-ball and boat racing.

The boat races of Oxford and Cambridge in England, and of Harvard and Yale in our own country are the greatest athletic events of the year. In these races the greatest excitement prevails among the students and those interested; everything is done to encourage the respective crews, and each individual member is eulogized until the day of the race. When the final day arrives, on which the combatants are going to display both their muscle and science, and to row, perhaps, not only for the championship of their respective colleges and states, but for the championship of the whole country, thousands of spectators will line the shore and large excursion steamers, decorated with the colors of their favorites, are chartered for the occasion.

A few minutes previous to a signal for starting, the crews of both boats are seen to bend forward, grasping their oars firmly, waiting for the signal. As soon as the signal gun is fired, every muscle is strained by each individual member of each crew