HE habit of reading the newspapers is a duty too often neglected in our busy American life, and the great educating influence thereby exercised is frequently undervalued. Possibly a valid reason for the indifference of parents to the importance of this matter may be found in the sensational nature of many of the daily papers, which appeal too much to the depraved tastes of the public in order to increase their circulation. By reading the papers, we do not refer to the flitting about from bit to bit of scandal, murder to murder, but to a more enlightened taste for knowledge in the affairs of other nations, among which matters of great moment are constantly transpiring; to a more thorough acquaintance with the affairs of our own country and continent, which will make us better citizens.

Properly read, the newspaper is not the least factor in the formation of a man's character; it broadens his own views, and makes him more tolerant of the views of others. It is, as one of our professors has often and very truly quoted to us, the history of the world for one day,—a continuous history served in courses.

As a result of the recent agitation of the subject of professionalism in college athletics, a committee, representing about twenty colleges, met in New York February 1, and drew up a set of resolutions, which are to be submitted to the several faculties for their approval. These resolutions recognize the prominent position occupied by athletics in the college world, and aim to secure their pursuit in future simply as recreations, not interfering with the regular duties of the students.

They require that no professional trainers shall be employed, either for instruction or practice, in preparation for any contest, but provide that any person selected to superintend the physical training of the students shall be appointed by the college authorities, and announced as such in the catalogue. It is also required that college organizations shall only compete with teams from similar institutions of learning, that they only play upon the home grounds of one of the competing teams, that no student shall be allowed to play for more than four years, and that no college shall engage in any games with another which does not enforce these rules.

They also require that there shall be one member of each college faculty adopting these resolutions, whose duty it shall be to supervise all contests in which students of their respective colleges may engage, and to approve all regulations under which these contests may be held. The length of all intercollegiate boat races must not be more than three miles.

The foregoing summary of these regulations has been given, both on account of their connection with college matters, and also because of...