THE Harvard Advocate in an editorial on our late athletic games, while manfully acknowledging the defeat of their tug-of-war team, found fault with several of our inconveniences, and made a personal attack upon the clerk of the course. While several of the remarks about crowds, ventilation, etc., are too true, we hope to overcome them in the future by using a larger building for the exhibition. The reference to the seeming incapacity and timidity of our presiding officer, we should have passed over with a smile, had we not had the pleasure of attending the first series of games at Harvard. There we found several causes for complaint, which we think offset theirs. Although our officer may possess an innate modesty, which by outsiders may have erroneously been taken for timidity, it in no way interfered with his primary duty, which was to announce the events and their winners. The audience apparently understood each announcement, there being no necessity for repetition. At Harvard, on the contrary, while the one in charge betrayed no self-consciousness, the audience was decidedly dissatisfied with his declarations, showing their displeasure by repeated cries of "Louder." While they may have been more guarded in giving vent to their feelings at our games, we hardly think they had occasion.

Another point in which we think we excel them, is the manner of carrying out the programme. At our games the events commenced promptly, and were given in their correct order, with no waste of time. At Harvard they were late in starting, and the whole affair was marked by tedious intermissions.

While we do not approve of any bickering on matters of so little importance, we think we are justified in defending the character of our representatives; and against such a charge as timidity we cannot afford to be silent, and allow the outside world to form incorrect estimates.

In speaking of Clark University, the Philadelphia Press says:

"Massachusetts is to have a new college that will rival Harvard. Some of the best foot-ball players in the country have already been engaged, and other places in the Faculty will be filled as quickly as possible."

There are some subjects used by the "funny men" of the professional press that become, after several years of continual use, exceedingly tiresome. "College Athletics" has done its life's work for the paragraph-writers, and it seems as if it now deserved a place on the shelf beside the mother-in-law, the plumber, and the bank-cashier. It has been a popular joke, without doubt; people who have never been to college find great enjoyment in the stories of neglected studies and college dissipation, just as ordinary