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For the grit and determination with which Carolina's team fought from start to finish of the V. P. I. game, we owe them our entire loyalty and gratitude. The man who gets grouchy and sour when we are defeated does not have the spirit of sportsmanship. The same can be said of the man who decides to treat the whole matter with coldness and indifference. Is it not the first requisite of true sportsmanship to know how to take a defeat in the right spirit?

What is, after all, the real aim and object of our athletics? As usually stated, it is to provide proper exercise for physical development, to encourage "manly" sport, and to develop certain desirable qualities of mind and character. A victorious score is hardly ever mentioned as being among the chief ends of college athletics or as being necessary to the attainment of those ends. But whether we generally admit it or not, we have made it one of the chief objects, if not the very first. When we lose the games that we attach the most importance to, we say that the season is unsuccessful. We require winning scores to keep our college spirit up to the point of loyalty to our representatives on the teams; and when the game goes against us, we too often fail to realize that the defeat is far more keenly felt by them than by anyone else.

The only loyalty that counts for much is loyalty to the man that loses. The winner can get along without much encouragement. If we are to get the finest lesson that intercollegiate contests afford, we will learn to stand together as a body in support of the teams we send out, whatever their success may be. We have an unusually hard schedule this year. The team has worked hard, has had some very fatiguing trips to make, and has lost a majority of its games. All the more reason why we should give all the encouragement that a loyal student body is capable of giving to its team.

For us to get discouraged in the face of defeat is not only deadening to the team, but it may result in a rather inconvenient habit of falling down before any difficulty or failure that we meet with. If we can trust the evidence of those who have lived long beyond their college days, there are failures and disappointments to be encountered even after one leaves college. And the habit of giving up, it is said, is not a valuable assistance in surmounting them.

The night after the University's game with Kentucky, the Blue Grass boys formed a joyous procession and paraded the streets of Lexington in celebration of their victory. On Monday following, the staid and peace-loving City Fathers came together and passed an ordinance prohibiting thenceforth all college yells on the streets of Lexington. Quite a protest is being raised by the students of Kentucky University, judging by their publication, against this infringement of their privileges.

In an old catalog of the University—1848-'49—one finds this statement:

"Every student is required on his arrival at the commencement of each Session, to deliver to the Bursar (Professor Mitchell) the moneys and drafts for money which he has brought with him. It is the duty of the Bursar to attend to the settlement of the demands for board etc.,—to pay into the hands of the Student such sums as are required for other necessary expenses, and to render a statement of the same to the Parent or Guardian at the close of the Session."

This seems to indicate a rather close oversight of the students of those days, but by far the greater part of our sympathy is with the Bursar.

As to the parents, no doubt there are some who would favor that system now.

Lehigh's President on Sports.

[From College World.]

President Drinker, of Lehigh University, addressed his students the other day on the subject of intercollegiate contests. He is an ardent supporter of manly exercise and games, but he is judicious and cautious in a way which makes for the best eventual good. He said in part:

"It is my earnest wish that the athletic side of our university life shall be encouraged and actively supported. You will find, as you learn to know them, that our alumni who look here for men to enter employment after graduation want not only men who have been scholars, but men with self-reliance, self-control and physique, able physically to stand the strain of modern business life, and able mentally to exercise those qualities of poise, patience and good judgment which come largely from good training and the acquired knowledge of how to use to the best advantage all a man's faculties. There is no question but that from this economic and business standpoint every man physically fit to do so, should, through his four years of college life, actively take part heartily and steadily in some college athletic activity. Nothing will help a man more on his study side—nothing that he can do will give him pleasanter memories in the future of his college career—than to look back to his athletic experiences. If you cannot make one of the varsity teams, don't think your duty to yourself and your alma mater is all done by sitting on the bleachers and cheering, though that is a highly important college function to give our teams the constant and steady support of the college."

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