

aid in presenting in its proper light a true history of the Indian race that its records and distinguishing virtues may be preserved; furthermore, the society will, by organized effort, be better able to war against anything which shall prove detrimental to the best interests of the Indian.

The Society of American Indians is simply an organization among the Indians themselves for their own advancement. In no manner whatsoever is the society connected with any order; nor is its fate in the hands of any political body, state or national; it is not linked with any federal department. It purposes to stand alone for its own lofty purposes. We can conceive of no grounds upon which an intelligent person, Indian or white, can find cause to object to the society. On the other hand we feel that it will be abundantly supported and in time to come go down in history as an organization which conveyed to all mankind great and lasting benefits.

ATHLETICS IN THE SCHOOL.

We think of nothing which, when well regulated, is of more value in schools and colleges than athletics. When professionalism is kept out it then becomes real sport and the various contests of a dual meet awakens the keenest interest and support. But perhaps the greatest good results from the fact that the young man who wishes to win a place in athletics must keep himself in the most perfect physical condition possible. In order to do this he is compelled to shun every form of dissipation—he must not keep late hours, he must not over-eat, he must not smoke or drink—everything in his daily life must be regular and orderly.

This is splendid and approved by all, but, good as it is, it must not be overdone. All intelligent parents send their children to school or college that they may secure an education which will assist them to fight life's battles so long as they may live. It should be the concern of all to see that the athletic youth gets more in his head than his heels. No one will deny this any more than they will deny the value of well-regulated athletics. The thing to do is to guard against one-sidedness in everything in life. Keep yourself well balanced in all things. Athletics are necessary in the school and should be carried on with all the vigor of youth for the real love of the sport.

We wish that we could see an evidence of greater interest and appreciation of "The Chemawa American" on the part of present and past students.