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ATHLETICS

This issue of The American is characterized as an athletic number. Chemawa has on her "roll of honor" many names that stand out prominently for achievement in the realm of sports. The successes of our young men of the past is a matter of pride to all of us. The cups and medals which they won in competition with others are here on display in mute evidence of the prowess of our athletes of the years gone by.

At present we have many young men who are "doing things" along athletic lines—they have accomplished much and have succeeded in a creditable manner. On every appearance they make a good showing and are keeping Chemawa's name green in "Sportdom." All this is well and we approve, but sports are but a means to an end. Many of our students have been endowed by a Merciful Creator with a body strong in wind and limb and it is hard to down such a youth. Athletics on right lines will assist in keeping such a youth in prime condition. But, after all, the person most in need of athletics is the weakling—the one of puny body and little strength. Here is the fellow who needs athletics the most. Alas! he gets the least, for his feeble strength keeps him from shining as a bright particular star.

We are not criticizing just to be critical. We have no particular person or institution in view, but what we say we deem to be true in large measure everywhere. We would like, were it possible, to see more attention paid those who need athletics most. We do not desire any less honor or glory for those strong and courageous youths who go forth to meet others in feats of strength and skill for the glory of Che-