

CELEBRATION OF CHICAGO'S VICTORY

In the glare of a mammoth bonfire, on Marshall Field at the University of Chicago, two thousand howling students celebrated Chicago's Victory in securing the Olympian games of 1904, while fully six thousand spectators crowded over the bleachers and enjoyed the fun. Deputations from the various Chicago Schools and Institutes joined the procession and several messages came from leading North Western colleges. Speeches were delivered by professor Maxime Ingres and by H. J. Furber Jr., chairman of the Olympian Committee.

The latter has written to Baron Pierre de Coubertin, saying :
« my gratification in common with that of the entire body of our citizens is very great; and our city is fully alive to the pleasant responsibilities which have devolved upon it. The success of the games will be signal and complete : and it is the general feeling that in every detail appertaining to the contests, we should fall in no manner below the high standards established by our exposition of 1893. The work of preparing for the contests will be conducted on the broadest principle, as our most distinguished men have associated themselves with the movement. It is with great pleasure we feel that the opportunity is offered us of seconding your efforts in the excellent work which you have undertaken. »

On the other hand it is reported that Alderman W. H. Thompson believes the city should take part in the construction of a Stadium for the olympian games. In an ordinance which he has prepared and which the License Committee of the Council will likely report for passage, he provides a license fee for athletic exhibitions. His plan is to use the money thus obtained for the city's share of the Stadium. He suggests the creation of an athletic commission of aldermen and he argues that after the games, the Stadium could be used to furnish Chicago with a public athletic field. The same thing happened in Athens and the modern Olympian games are likely to leave thus, wherever they go, a lasting and useful monument to commemorate the celebration of every olympiad.