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*exactly on April 17th. 1927, Baron Pierre de Coubertin sent from Olympia an address to the youth of the world. Being on the point of the Games of the XIVth. Olympiad, we wish to repeat the essential of that address :*

*"My friends and I have not been labouring at restoring you the Olympic Games in view of making them a fitting object for a museum or a cinema; nor is it our wish that mercantile or electoral interests should seize upon them.*

*Our object in renovating an institution twenty-five centuries old, was that you should become new adepts of the religion of sports, such as our great ancestors had conceived it. In this modern world, so full of powerful possibilities and yet threatened by so many risks of degeneration, Olympism may be a school of moral nobility and purity as well as of physical endurance and energy ; but only on condition you ever raise your conceptions of honour and sporting disinterestedness to the height of your muscular strength. The future depends on you.*