

Gaston Meyer writes...

## ASIATIC AND REGIONAL GAMES

In an article published in *L'Équipe* of Paris last May, the Editor Mr. Gaston Meyer referred to the Asiatic Games which have just been held in Tokyo, when he stressed the fact that their importance was enhanced owing to their celebration being relatively near to the Olympic Games in Rome. These Asiatic Games have been the first really 'coloured Games' inasmuch that it is the first time that in the history of sport, the number of black, yellow and coloured athletes actually equalled number of white athletes. Everything tends to prove that in two or three Olympiads the supremacy of the white race so evident in the past, in spite of a few brilliant victories won by black or half-caste Americans, will be seriously challenged. The great competitions

witnessed in Tokyo confirmed our belief in the progress realized in Asiatic sport.

At all events, the *Regional Games* duly codified will sooner or later serve as eliminatory events to the Olympic Games. They ought to be considered as such and this should be born in mind thus facilitating the organization of future Olympics. (As far as we are concerned, we think this suggestion should be considered, *Ed.*) It was Baron de Coubertin who first suggested that these Regional Games be organized. (Although he did not go so far as to consider them as 'eliminatory events', he saw in them an excellent form of stimulant as a preparation to the Olympic Games.)