



# Among Ourselves



## IS NOT THIS RIGHT?

It seems important that the public should have assurance of a uniform method of procedure in the sale of box seats, or other reserved seats, for World's Series. I wrote to Secretary Thomas of the Chicago National League club several weeks in advance of the big series in the fall of 1907, sending draft for reservation of box seats, and was informed that no seats would be reserved until they were sold inside the grounds on the day of the game. On arrival in Chicago I found that plans had been changed, and all seats disposed of. I also sent a bank draft to Detroit several days before the first game, asking for box seats, but not only failed to get them, but found all the grand stand tickets in the hands of speculators.

I have suggested to some of my baseball friends, that the sale of tickets for the games in the World's Series be placed in charge of the National Commission. When one travels several hundred miles to patronize these games, it hardly seems fair to deprive him of the privilege of paying for and securing a favorable location. My experiences in Chicago and Detroit indicate that conditions would be improved by placing the sales in the hands of the National Commission.

*Chester, Ill.*

W. S. EASTON.

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## FROM A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER

I am an ardent baseball enthusiast and believe in the advancement of the cause in every legitimate way. I am squarely against the Sunday game. I believe it takes people away from the churches and Sabbath schools and other religious gatherings, and from the home life, and that it sets a bad example for the young people of the community. We must not forget that the home and the church and the spiritual life have

first claims on the human being. We must remember that the church, with all its shortcomings, is the best-recognized channel of religious influence today, and should be given an opportunity to get its best work in on Sunday. The opportunity is diminished by Sunday baseball games. Moreover, home life is being dissipated too much already in America. Anything that tends to take the inmates of home away from the household circle, away from family conference and communion, is to be deplored. The Sunday baseball game does that.

REV. S. EDWARD YOUNG.

*Pittsburg.*

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## FOR BETTER SCORING

Our game needs bracing up. As it stands, it is the pitcher against the opposing nine. How can this be remedied? By the simplest way in the world—by giving each man credit for the number of bases he reaches. When a man reaches first he is certainly entitled to more than a batting average. Should he make second, he then should have another mark. Here is how: score each man for as many bases as he wins, thus—first base, one-fourth run; second, one-half run; third, three-fourths run; home, one run. Wouldn't this make the fielders more alert? Some fielders think that if they do miss a ball and a man gets in, it only serves to make the catcher work harder to put the next man out. Besides, this scheme would simplify scoring.

*Boston.*

HERMAN JUNISKY.

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## FROM THE GREAT PUZZLE-MAKER

As an old baseball crank—I am sixty-eight years old—let me congratulate your magazine on itself. The most important thing after a good puzzle is a good magazine.

*New York.*

SAM LLOYD.