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ATHLETICS AN ASSET

One cannot help but muse upon the inadequacy of mere ability to play basketball as a standard to judge and measure a team or a school. It seems a very unjust thing to draw a line between two teams because one team has, in a given period of time, scored a few more points than another. It is also to some minds a very rude and uncultured thing to madly cheer for a team. With only a cursory examination there appears to be no justification of basketball and similar sports.

There is justification, however, and plenty of it. No keen observer at the recent Tournament could fail to be impressed with the magnificent good sportsmanship shown by the members of the competing teams. The play was clean and wholehearted. Then too, athletic contests indubitably form a safety valve for all those who attend them. To go to a game and support your favorite team affords a distinct and necessary relief from conventions that become irksome.

Athletics also serve as a leveler of classes and an equalizer of men. At games the rich and poor, old and young, exalted and lowly, rub shoulders and forget the distinctions that the world has imposed upon them. This fact has no less authority back of it than the profound William James who in his "Talks to Teachers on Psychology" declares that one of the great forces that has held the British Empire together is the fact that Englishmen forget differences and join hands in backing athletic teams. There is no high, no low, at an athletic contest. The spectators are a united mass that has, for a time at least, common thoughts and purposes.

The advantages of a strong and healthy physique are also demonstrated by athletics. Athletics is an asset to a school as it brings the people of the community, the students and competing schools together on a basis of common interest. Colleges aim to aid in development, and contact such as athletics afford is a means to that end. Athletics

Parnassus Breezes

BY G. K. STONE

REGRETS

Once early in the morning came I
 Into Flora's magic garden,
 Gems of dew flecked your fragile petals
 And glittered in the sunlight.

Long I stood gazing at you
 Charmed by your matchless beauty,
 And Amor, whispering in my ear
 Tempted me.

But you seemed so ethereal and innocent
 There in your cloistered bower
 You were so young, only a bud
 Half-unfolded;

I was afraid if I should take you
 That perhaps you would only wither and
 die
 I could not bear the thought of it—
 I was sentimental then.

So at noonday I returned
 Firm and determined;
 But you were not there
 Some other guy had plucked you.

A DIALECTIC DIARY

D. Alighieri has put us to a lot of trouble this week. He sent us a poem, the only trouble with which was that we had read it before. After exhausting several libraries we finally discovered that Dante's poem was a more or less accurate archetype of a poem by Charles Kingsley entitled "A FAREWELL." The original begins:

"Be pure, sweet maid; let those who will be clever"

Follows the first two stanzas of Alighieri's production:

My Ideal

Be neat, sweet maid; let those who will go shabby,
 With frowzy hair, soiled garments, ebony tips,
 Don't think that beauty lies in puffs and ringlets
 Or rouge and power on your cheek and lips.

For neat attire there is no substitution;
 For cleanliness and care naught else will do;

Then why not make this timely resolution,
 That you'll be clean and neat your whole life through?

Be kind, sweet maid; let those who will be grouchy
 And spread unhappiness where'er they go;
 For if we show unkindness and sharp answers
 We'll surely reap the same words that we sow;
 Why not conceal the bitter thoughts and

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