

tests 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 is everywhere a great force as long as it exists for the school and not the school for athletics. Authorities at Ashland are glad that Ashland includes athletics in its activities, and, further, are pleased that athletics are regarded as a by-product rather than the main produce.

ASHLAND NEEDS—

By F. A. Pfeleiderer

There is a need of the deepening of the spiritual life of the men and women on college and university campuses. Such a need is not only felt in these circles but in every group of society at the present time. We are constantly reminded by our pastors and churchmen that there is a need of deepening of the spiritual life of the churches. Ashland College is no worse than many and a thousand fold better than some. Nevertheless there is such a need here at Ashland.

In spite of the fact that we have Chapel every day, Y. M. and Y. W. once a week, Sunday school and church on Sunday and also Christian Endeavor, there is such a need. The Pharisees were by far the best people in the days of Christ yet Christ condemned them. They were observing the letter of the law and losing the spirit. If Christ should stand among men today he would doubtless say the same thing of the men and women in the denominational colleges of America. There is a need of the spirit of the second mile. Paul would doubtless say that we need the Spirit's Law.

In the life of every man and woman there comes a spiritual crisis and it is indeed the critical point in the life of the student. Coming as he does into a larger world and a bigger world than ever before it is necessary that he adjust himself to this new world. Many go out from institutions of higher learning with little or no use for the church because they have no spiritual direction at this time. There should be some one to direct and lend spiritual assistance to men and women at this point in their college career. Someone to whom they may go for advice and counsel and someone who will also keep on the lookout for such students.

In larger universities and colleges it demands many consecrated workers to do this work. A president of a large university in appointing a Dean for a certain

hall looked at this qualification first. Our colleges have not done enough along this line. But to merely bring the accusation against them and present no solution is utter folly. There should be a Director of Spiritual Life in every College and University and then as many workers under him as is necessary to carry on the work successfully.

Ashland College has come to that place in her history when she needs just such a Director. With the increase in student body and the corresponding acceleration of activities the need grows acute. Thru the co-operation of students and College it is my belief that such a director should be secured by next school year. This man should have certain qualifications and unless he possesses them he would be of no use on this campus. First of all I would say that he should be a consecrated Christian and should have a consecrated wife. He should be a young man among young men and his wife should be a young woman among young women. He should have passed thru such a critical adjustment and be able to assist others.

If you object to the name of Spiritual Director you might call them Secretary of the Y. M. and Y. W. respectively. In such a capacity they should act. They should act also as directors of social activities. Not curbing student initiative but arousing action on the part of the students themselves. They should be loved by all and be friends to all.

Impossible to secure such a couple. No! There are young couples who would be willing to devote their lives to so great a cause. It is possible to secure the people if the students say the word. It is a challenge to us here at Ashland now to make the lives of the men and women on the campus more Christ-like. All are willing to assist but we need such a director. It is not a question, Can we have them, but the question is, Shall we have them?

Or rouge and powder 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 feelings,
Speak kindly always, if you speak at all,
Be courteous in all your smallest dealings,
And by your kindness every heart enthrall!

There is more of it, of course, but this will suffice. But let us add:
Be square, young man; let those who will be crooked
Stoop to the sin of blatant paraphrase
Don't try to filch your stuff from standard authors;
To copy from another ever pays.
Don't get the notion you can spoof us that way
With camouflage of thought and borrowed rhyme;
We've got your number brother, you're a bluffer,
Take back your song and try another time.

GIVE US CREDIT

Inquisitive Frosh: "Say, how do you outline this stuff, anyway?"
Soph. (Studiously engaged): "Aw, go to L. L."

THE PRIZE SIMILE

We award the prize simile of the year to Mr. G. W. Bennett of Dennison U. It is found in a volume entitled, "Poets of the Future" an anthology of collegiate verse. Here it is:
"A tiny auto creeping along the road like a louse walking up the part in a man's hair."

SLIGHTLY MUDDY

The editor of the Kentonian, from Kent State Normal, pulls this one editorially:

Civilization is not wholly the product of environment or fate or unchangeable land. The unconscious influences of climate and land and water help or hinder the advancement of social progress but the greatest factor is spirit, conscious appreciation and application of the best that the world has thought and written and done. He probably knows what it all means. We don't.

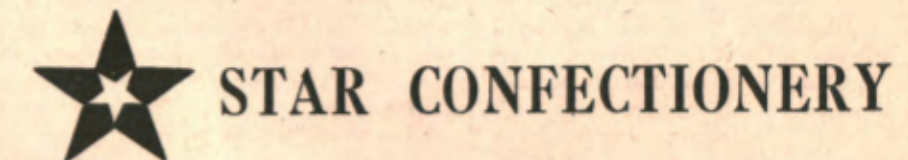
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* BUSY GENTLEMAN, AS HE OR *
* DERED UP A SHOT OF TURTLE *
* SOUP. *
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