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### INTER-FRATERNITY BASKETBALL.

The inter-fraternity basketball tournament is the latest university custom to be unearthed from its premature war-grave. Several other such customs have been brought to life, and others will probably be renewed by the end of the semester. Such institutions as inter-fraternity basketball, football and baseball, are to be encouraged by those interested in the democratic development of university fraternity life.

Rivalry between the different organizations is stimulated, to be sure, but it is a wholesome and fair rivalry. Clean athletic contests allow the fraternity members to work off in an upright manner some of the feeling that they may hold against rival fraternities.

A friendly spirit of emulation between fraternities is fostered, which brings out the better qualities, both physical and mental, in all the members.

Through the medium of the inter-fraternity games, the members of the different fraternities become acquainted with each other. Such acquaintanceship dissolves antipathies that may be nursed by one fraternity against the other. It is true that we cannot judge another unless we know him, and perhaps if we know the members of rival fraternities, we will soon come to realize that they are not so different from our own brothers, and that there are other fraternities besides our own that have a right to existence.

Charles P. Steinmetz, the hundred-thousand-dollar-a-year consulting engineer of the General Electric Company, tells us that men don't do big things until they grow discontented. He quotes an old Turkish proverb—that the world belongs to the dissatisfied. No truer word was ever spoken.

There is another fact that ought to be brought out in this connection: The big differences between human beings do not lie in ability and intelligence. People come nearer being equal in brains than we imagine. The really big variations lie in force and ambition. One man achieves a thousand times as much as another—not because he is a thousand times as smart, but because he is a thousand times more determined.

On no other theory can you explain the sudden rise of the "ordinary man." Yet we see it all the time. Look around your neighborhood and you will find plenty of cases. The "ordinary man" who begins to rise at unprecedented speed does so because he suddenly gets a vision, develops a desire, sees a goal. Having done this, he begins to travel at a pace which he has never shown before.

Strange forces give men purpose, and jar them into action. Love, pride, sorrow, fear—all sorts of hidden feelings are responsible for the shaking of men out of ruts and into fields of undreamed-of achievement. More than one big success finds its real origin in the personal disappointment of some man—perhaps over a college education he couldn't get, or a toy he couldn't afford, or a trip he was not able to make. Of course some men are "downed" by such emotions, but others are "made" by them.

Most men have perfectly good boilers in them, and fine equipment. But so many never get up steam and go anywhere! They don't want to go anywhere. They just stand still—waiting for a call from within to "get a move on." The call is likely to come any time. If your call is late in coming, why not ring up your inner self and ask him if he can't think of some place he would like to go? It's a shame to have all that expensive machinery and not use it.—John M. Siddall in the American Magazine.

### KNOWING PEOPLE.

How many people on the campus do you know well? With how many others do you enjoy a passing acquaintance? Do you walk to and from classes without once saying "Hello" to a fellow-student? Or, are you kept busy greeting passersby as you hurry along from one building to another? Are the faces familiar to you those of a strictly limited group of your own classmates, or do you know members of the various organizations in the University? Are there no professors you feel that you know well enough to do more than distantly nod to outside the classroom?

And why the fusillade of questions? you may ask. They are prompted by recollection of the views of a friend, a former student, who used method in cultivating friends and practicing cordiality. This student had attended college elsewhere for two years before coming here. After a few months he began checking off names in the student directory. A semester later he repeated the process. Questioning revealed the information that here was a person who measured the success of his life in the University by the readiness with which he made friends.

We were struck by the novelty of the idea. Many a time have we heard speakers whose experiences and wisdom we respected, nominate the University campus as the place where a student forms the associations which are his alliances for life. We forget a large per cent of the acquaintances we had in high school and earlier days, but the friends of our University period are forever cherished.—Ohio State Lantern.

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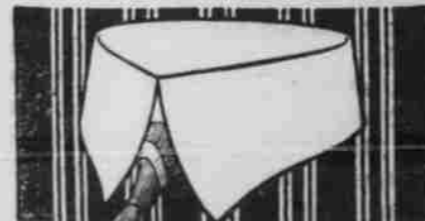
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