

July 7, 1944.

Mr. L. H. Dentel,
2900 Bales Avenue,
Kansas City 3, Mo.

Dear Mr. Dentel:

Your letter addressed to the University of Kansas, Office of Dr. Naismith, came to me for reply. Dr. Naismith passed away the 28th of November, 1939. He lived to the ripe and fruitful old age of 78. Dr. Naismith came to the University of Kansas in 1898 and served a most useful administration. I can easily understand how you might have missed the notice of his passing. He was buried here in Lawrence, Kansas.

I note your letter and what you desire to teach your students. I am sure that you will have no difficulty whatsoever in finding abundant material to support you in your lectures. I refer you to one text, "Youth Studies Alcohol" by Harkness and Fort, published by Benj. H. Sanborn and Company. This would be a very interesting text for youngsters to read. It is gotten up in a very attractive manner that stimulates youth's perusal of it. It is a chatty little text and carries along with a game of basketball very much as if a group of youngsters on a high school team were participating. In Chapter VIII you will find a number of coaches quoted, and on page 98 you will find my own view on the subject.

I would also refer you to Broadcast No. 613 by the Kansas State Board of Health, Dr. F. P. Helm, Secretary, on "The Effects of Alcohol", prepared for radio station KPBI.

I suggest if you would go over to the public library in Kansas City you would get so much material that it would weigh you down. In my book, "Better Basketball", published by McGraw-Hill and Company, I mention in a great number of times that no boy can use alcohol and hope to be a great athlete or as great an athlete as he would want to be. Mr. Purd B. Wright put several copies of this book in the library, and I know you will find one available. In the back of the book are several yarns written to stimulate youth's abstinence. Those stories were written with a purpose of building confidence in a fellow when he is down.

If there is any thing else we can give you, we will be glad to do so. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.