

by the higher and better impulses pays great dividends and we are the benefactors.

Another great educator who gave to youth a great game is Dr. James Naismith, an orphan boy raised by an old uncle in Altamont, Canada. He roamed the Canadian woods and waded streams during his boyhood days. It was not until after he had received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at Queens College in Ontario that he entered Springfield College, at Springfield, Mass. He was a minister seeking the larger life for young men. With Alonzo Stagg, who was also a Doctor of Divinity, these two men along with Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, the great sculptor, also a Canadian, contributed most wonderfully to Springfield's renown. Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick commanded Naismith to originate a game that would take care of eighteen obstreperous and devilish football players during the winter season. This man Naismith originated a game that is now played by eighteen million people in fifty-two different countries.

From the platform at the National Health and Physical Education meeting I heard nine educators, ranging from college professors and research men in universities to superintendents of schools say that this game of basketball that Naismith invented was all that was necessary for the educable child so far as coordination, rhythm and poetry in action, and building a fine physique was concerned. I am speaking of basketball as a game, not as a sport.