

skilled to compete with the skilled nor any pleasure for the skilled to compete with the unskilled. Again, there is a tendency for the expert in some particular branch to make sport of the unskilled; consequently there is an aversion to taking part in that particular sport. Then, there is a tendency for the skilled to claim the privileges of the equipment in that in which they excel and thus deprive the unskilled of the opportunities for acquiring ability, though the latter need the development. There is a tendency for us to make too much of the contest as a means of glorification and too little of it as an incentive to acquire perfection.

The third point to be considered in this discussion is that there are a greater number taking part in athletic sports now than there were a few years ago and that not merely small gains, but tremendous strides have been made. It was only a few years ago that there were only a few colleges represented in intercollegiate contests, and the rowing association thought that they were crowded when they had ten crews competing for the honors. Now any college is behind the times if it cannot put on the field at least a football and a baseball team, and the great majority of the colleges compete in several forms of athletics thus interesting a greater number of men. There are entered in the relay races of Pennsylvania a hundred and seventy-five college and school teams, and this is a new form of sport.

It has been only a few years since there was no concerted action to institute athletics in the high schools. Today the interscholastic events are looked upon as being almost as important as the intercollegiate. An excellent illustration of this is seen in our own state where the attendance at the interscholastic has increased notably. What is true of Kansas is true of nearly every state today.

But the campaign has gone still further, and the elementary schools are so organized and directed that every city of any size has its athletic league. Some statistics about the numbers taking part in these may be interesting. In the city