



A nation-wide movement is getting underway to honor Dr. James A. Naismith, who introduced the game of basketball and fathered the game through its early years. The game is now to be included as an Olympic sport, having originated just forty-five years ago when two peach baskets and a volley ball served as major equipment.

The movement to honor Dr. Naismith is under the direction of W. S. Chandler, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The association at a meeting in Chicago this year, voted to promote some recognition for the game's founder, and it was proposed to raise a fund sufficient to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympics in Berlin.

It also is planned to provide for a suitable memorial, either at Springfield, Mass., or in Kansas. It is proposed that every organization maintaining a basketball team set aside one home game in the week of February 9-15 as "Naismith night," and that one cent from each admission be contributed to the fund.

Dr. Naismith expressed his belief, upon learning that the sport had been added to the Olympic program, that the international popularity of the game was due to the fact that it is a simple, and, at the same time, an active game. He suggested that the international competition might make it necessary to impose some handicap, probably based on height, in the same way that wrestlers and boxers are handicapped by weight divisions.