In the Springfield College Bulletin, Springfield, Mass., for February, Dr. James Naismith, inventor of basketball, discusses his role as the first director of the game of basketball. It was in 1891 when Naismith was trained as a physical education director that he first conceived the game of basketball.

Dr. Naismith was an answer to the question as to what the physical education classes could do when the weather was bad and the boys could not go outside for sports. The popularity of the game was immediate and soon became a national sport. In the last few years, the game has become popular abroad as well as in the United States.

Doctor Naismith went to Springfield from McGill University where he had his training in physical education. He gave up this idea because he thought he could do his fellow men more good. The Naismith alumni gathered to honor him in New York last Christmas.

Dr. James Naismith, professor of physical education, recently gave a talk on the subject of interscholastic competition. This is the high school that Dr. Naismith attended when young.

Naismith visited his high school alma mater last year. At that time a new school building and gymnasium were opened. Last year he presented to the men a trophy for interscholastic competition among colleges. The one who gets the big this year.

Among the outstanding alumni of this high school are: Dr. Naismith, the late Robert R. Browning, president of New York University, and Kate May Kenzie, who recently resigned as director of athletics at the University of Pennsylvania, William Bennett Munro, noted educational psychologist, and W. C. McDonald, noted Canadian minister.

Dr. Naismith is still in East
Illness of Uncle Prevents Return of Basketball Inventor

While returning from New York City, where he has been attending to the Society of Physical Education, Dr. James Naismith learned that his uncle was ill. The illness prevented him from returning to his residence in Springfield, Mass. P. J. Young, 86, and went to his uncle's bedside at Almonte, Ontario.

When Doctor Naismith received word of his uncle's illness he was at Springfield College, where during his visit there made a speech to a sporting group that he would not be able to return to his uncle's bedside until the next week, according to his son, James Naismith.

Dr. Naismith's address to the Society of Physical Education of New York City will be used in a volume of their publications, which will be made available only the foremost athletic authorities of the country and which will eventuate in a series of pamphlets under the auspices of the Wingate Memorial Foundation of New York.