

Now obviously all this is not as it should be—and I have not the least doubt that a dozen or so committees have been formed at various times and in sundry places to say so and to devise means of remedying this state of affairs. And yet, it persists, while some of us are becoming more and more thankful that it does so and that Oxford insists on remaining Oxford and not becoming a vest pocket edition of Harvard or Yale.

I think as we analyze the situation we will see pretty clearly just why this state of things is perfectly natural. Oxford has only one resemblance to Harvard or Yale—they are both called universities and both try to educate men. But the type of men are quite different, the type of education is not the same, in internal administration the English and American institutions are distinct, while the social life, athletics, clubs, and living conditions have very little in common.

Oxford is a university of colleges and this fact is at the basis of many of those differences which distinguish it from an American institution. There are, I believe, twenty-six of these and each is a distinct entity. The average student strength of each college is about one hundred twenty-five, some being considerably larger. Each college has its own group of buildings and these buildings are separate and distinct from all other colleges. They form a very compact "home" for the college and include dormitories for both students and faculty, as well as a dining hall, lecture rooms, chapel and college offices.

You will see that this must affect the student life very definitely. In the matter of athletics each college has its first and second football team, soccer team, cricket eleven, crew, and track team, together with others which I have overlooked. Naturally there are athletics for all as a result. Indeed every man is expected to do something in the line of bodily exercise, and as the Englishman plays for the love of the game and not primarily to win, these second and third college teams have a very important role to play. The Oxford man trains in moderation and regards the rigid rules under which an American athlete lives with something akin to horror. Why eliminate all the joys of life and out-Spartan the Spar-