

Dillon Chapel closed
for a few days. Go
to Alumni.....

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Confessions at night as
usual in Dillon.

Are You In Love? (III)

The next step in the development of your love is to be attracted to him or to her as a person. Psychologists like to give this stage a high-sounding title. They call it the aesthetic attraction of personality. In spite of that, it is quite simple. At least, you will readily recognize it when you have it, even if you cannot define it. As a matter of fact, I do not think you will want to define it.

You will have this so-called aesthetic attraction of personality when you discover one fine day that you have stopped looking at the parts and see the whole; when you no longer see this and that in him or her, but you see HIM, HER. You love him now, not because he is manly and strong, a gentle soul, dependable and generous, an excellent dancer or a par golfer, a wit or plain good sport, but simply because he is John, or James, or even Archibald. Now you love her, not because she is beautiful, sweet or talented, has great big brown eyes and a musical laugh, but because she is Mary, Ruth, or Zephyrina. Now you have the depth of love that it takes to get married on. At last you can really say, "We love each other!"

This is what happens when you have real love, and if you feel you can get along without it I would advise that you never marry. If you are the husband and you love your wife as you should you can see her side by side with the most glamorous creature Hollywood ever manufactured and you will still say to yourself that she is pretty. You can sit across the table from her at a dinner party and, while some intellectual amazon at your right tells you all about Peguy and Beethoven and Karl Marx, smile at your wife and be glad she has just the mind she has. If you are the wife you can stand your husband back to back with the latest Hollywood glamour boy and still prefer hubby's slanting shoulders, DC (for displaced chest), and all. You can watch him mercilessly beaten in an argument on politics and still like the way he thinks, see him silent in a gathering of witty men and love him because he is silent.

If you do not have this aesthetic attraction of personality and have married for physical attraction of body you will eventually meet someone who is more beautiful, more voluptuous, or more handsome and strong, and you will wonder whether you haven't married a little hastily. If you married only for psychological attraction of mind, as soon as you run into someone who can discuss more books more intelligently than your husband, or someone who can play the piano much better than your wife, you will feel that you have been cheated. And sooner or later you will meet someone like that.

Your love for another because he is himself or herself, is the keystone that keeps the other two stones of the arch from caving in. But a keystone with nothing to bind is impossible, too. It cannot remain suspended in mid-air. That means your love must be physical and psychological, AND personal.

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Prayers.

Bill Corbett, ex. '50 writes asking for prayers for Veronica Seitz, a polio victim for 17 years who now has a good chance of recovering the use of her legs..

(deceased) grandmother of Jack Owens (Dil); father-in-law of Bill Greeley (Vetville)
(1st Anniv.) Eight Special Intentions.

(Leave your prayer-requests with the Prefect of Religion, 117
Dillon Hall. Slip a note under the office door.)

GO TO ALUMNI CHAPEL FOR A FEW DAYS FOR LATE MASS, HOLY COMMUNION AND MORNING
CONFESSIONS. DILLON CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED MORNINGS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS.