

DEMONSTRATION OF COOPERATION
HELD AT KANSAS CITY IS UNIQUE

During the first week of December a unique demonstration of cooperation between conferences and coaches and officials was held at Kansas City. The faculty representatives, coaches and officials of all major college conferences in this territory met in a two-day session. First each group held meetings of its own to discuss schedules and other athletic problems. Then they met in an open meeting to exchange views. The closing session was a basketball rules interpretation discussion which was attended by coaches and officials and led by Dr. "Phog" Allen. The organizations represented were The Missouri Valley F. A. A. (Big Six), Missouri Valley Conference, two college conferences of Kansas, two more from Missouri, and the Junior College conferences of the two states, a total of eight conferences. Basketball certainly should profit by such close contacts, all the persons involved taking part.

The main points in basketball involved screening and the new rule involving the elimination of the center jump. Several hundred coaches and officials were present.

At this meeting a Missouri Valley Officials Association was formed for the purpose of promoting uniform interpretation of football and basketball rules and of assuring closer cooperation with schools. The officers elected were E. A. Thomas, Topeka, president; and Gene Kemper, also of Topeka, secretary-treasurer. The members forming the executive committee include Ted O'Sullivan, Kansas City, representing Missouri; William Day, Lincoln, representing Nebraska; Harry HasBrouck, Des Moines, representing Iowa; and Richard Pendleton, Norman, representing Oklahoma. Organization of the association was the result of a resolution passed last spring making it mandatory for officials to attend rules interpretation meetings. Conformity in interpretation of the rules of football and basketball between officials and schools are the aims.