

FOREWORD

This study of the organization and administration of physical education and intercollegiate athletics in two hundred colleges and universities of all sections of the country is similar to the one made by the writer in 1924. One reason for making the study again was to ascertain what changes had taken place in the administration of these two important phases of college and university life during the eight years which have passed since 1924. The data show that there have been some important changes made, which may or may not be indicative of permanent change in these fields of higher education.

Since 1924 there has been much discussion and some concerted action to change what have been called the evils and over-emphasis of intercollegiate athletics, especially football. A study made by the writer in 1928 through the co-operation of the college and university presidents and deans showed that many of the administrators of these institutions felt that, in many places a least, intercollegiate athletics were being over-emphasized. Many of the administrators felt that successful change of over-emphasis lie in concerted action, while others thought that whatever evils were prevalent, could be curbed by individual action in each institution. Some of the presidents outlined a plan for physical education and athletics which they desired. The data from this study show that there are similar plans now being used in some institutions.

All are familiar with the survey made by the Carnegie Foundation. A study of physical education and athletics was made in the Land Grant Survey conducted by the Office of Education in 1928. Some of the accrediting agencies of higher education have placed emphasis on inter-collegiate athletics in accrediting institutions. That these surveys have had some effect on intercollegiate athletics and physical education goes without saying.

This study made through the men actively engaged in the work of directing physical education and athletics should show first hand information as to the changes made in this work during the past eight years. These men with the best interests of both physical education and intercollegiate athletics in mind have noted carefully the changes made, and those taking place in the work. Whatever changes take place in the work must come through the men directing the work.

The men in the work are familiar with the history and development of athletics and physical education in our institutions. They are interested in making this work a part of the curriculum, and in placing it in its proper place in the life of the institutions. They are alert to the evils and are interested in correcting them.

Plan of the Study.

The information for this study was secured by a questionnaire sent to heads of the departments of physical education and athletics of the various