

ties over that of the 1924 study. Physical education is making some rapid strides with respect to the educational content and in the large number of students taking the work.

4. What effect have the college and university accrediting agencies had on intercollegiate athletics in your conference or state in recent years?

The tables show that 73 answered that these agencies had had a good effect on athletics in their conference or state. That 84 answered that these agencies had had little or no effect on their groups, while 43 did not answer the question. Some of them said they did not understand the question. Some institutions who have been inspected by these agencies in recent years either did not answer or were very frank in stating their judgment on the question. Most of the comments on the question were brief, frank and to the point.

Of the various accrediting agencies the North Central Association has probably been the most active in inspecting athletics and physical education in the institutions of higher education and secondary schools. The viewpoint of the accrediting agency being that, since physical education and athletics are a part of the curriculum of the institution, they are to be inspected as are other curricular departments. This would set a standard for athletics and physical education as it does for other departments of instruction in the institution. This standard for the direction and control of athletics would be met by all institutions that are members of this organization. This plan places the standard of athletics on a large group rather than on the individual institution.