

accommodate, and in 1885 there was organized the New York State Association. In 1886, the New England Association was perfected. In 1893, the Middle Western Association came into existence; and in the same year, the Pacific coast had its organization. Every section of the country now has its organization controlling athletics in that section. At one time the number of these organizations became so great that their very multiplicity produced chaos in athletics. To meet this condition, there was organized, in 1906, the Intercollegiate Athletic Association the aim of which is to unify conditions and rules to such an extent as to give, as nearly as possible, a uniform basis of competition. This organization includes, with a few exceptions, all the larger colleges and universities of the United States. The association has been divided into six sections with a representative in each section.

This is one of the most important steps that has been taken; for the history of athletics shows that the colleges are the natural heads of athletic interests. As the influence of the athletic clubs decreased, the influence of the colleges increased until today the colleges set the standards for athletics. The grammar school boy looks forward to the high school, and the high school student looks forward to the University. With this opportunity comes a responsibility for the proper ideals in athletics. It is not right that the ideals of the college should be lower than those of the high school or the grammar school; yet the college must awake or the path of the athlete from the grammar school to the university will be one of ethical deterioration, for the standard which is held up to the grammar school boy is of a very high order. He is drilled in what is termed athletic courtesy; that is, that he must never take any advantage of an opponent which does not come from an increased knowledge of the game or the skill acquired in its performance. Thus he is taught to consider himself first a gentleman and secondly an athlete.

There were given last year 2,563 athletic badges which signified that the wearer was an "all around" athlete as