

to know that nine states have state directors of health and physical education that are members of the executive board of the State High School Athletic Association. In a few states such as New York and Maryland, the State Athletic Association is located in the office of the state superintendent of schools and the executive officer is the state director of physical education and health. In New York, Michigan, Delaware, and other states the state director of physical education and health is an executive officer and secretary of the State Athletic Association. In this way there is a direct tie-up to the educational leadership of the state. These few instances are but trends that point to the fourth step which we must take which is one of not only coöperation but direct ADMINISTRATION.

Today as we look over the country there are a few superintendents and school administrators in the first period of opposition to the school athletic program. There are other school leaders that are simply tolerating athletics and are twenty years behind the times. There are others who are just beginning to coöperate as we started to do ten years ago. But in the next ten years, the final stage is to develop the educational possibilities of physical education and to make it a definite school subject under regular school authorities. This does not mean, of course, that we will have no high school athletic associations both local and state. It means that we will have student interests and student leadership and we will have committees and leagues, but the actual administration of the athletic program will be treated for its educational values and hence we will be relieved from the annoyance of outside interference.

Evils Not Inherent

If we want athletics to fit into our school system, to harmonize with the rest of the program, to get rid of its evils and annoyances and to develop its educational value, we must take this fourth and final step.

The evils that arise from athletics are not inherent in athletics but arise largely from faulty control, administration and treatment. Our bickerings, fights and enmities arise not from the game but how we handle the game.

The happy signs are the development of state athletic associations and the leadership of the National Federation of State High