

## CHAPTER XXVII

### *Intramural Athletics*

THERE have been many references in the preceding pages to the Interfaculty contests in the several athletic activities. A brief résumé of the conditions which contributed to the building up of the present programme may not be out of place.

An impression prevails that Interfaculty or Intramural competition is a comparatively new thing in the University. The contrary is the case, for even before the formation of an Athletic Directorate in 1893 and before cups were donated by generous friends of athletics, inter-year and inter-college games were played, largely for the fun of the thing, or to settle local rivalry.

Originally the function of the University was solely the teaching of what are called Arts subjects. Consequently University College and "Arts" were synonymous. But the proximity of Knox College, the School of Practical Science and Wycliffe College brought about a friendly relationship and rivalry in games and in other ways. In time these institutions became affiliated and later federated with the University of Toronto, as did Victoria College, the Toronto Medical School (it became the Faculty of Medicine), the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Trinity College and St. Michael's College. The College of Pharmacy was affiliated in 1891 and the Ontario Veterinary College in 1897 (it was removed to Guelph in 1922). The medical faculties of the University of Trinity College and of the University of Toronto were amalgamated in 1903. In 1907 the University added the Faculties of Forestry and Education.

This all had an indirect bearing on athletics and led to competition in certain forms of athletics among teams repre-