

## **(C) OTHER TOURNAMENTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Amongst other tournaments which Bombay continued to witness during the first 25 years of the Association's existence, the erstwhile Quadrangulars and Pentagulars deserve a special mention for a variety of reasons. Firstly, although Quadrangulars continued to hold their way in the cricket loving people of the metropolis, they were converted into Pentangulars in 1937. As a matter - of - fact the year 1937 seems to be an eventful year in the chequered history of Bombay's cricket, as much as their major events of great consequence occurred in the year. They were (i) Lord Tennyson's team's visit (ii) Opening of the. CCI Pavilion and the Brabourne Stadium and (iii) Inaguration of the Pentangular Tournament; with the Rest team joining Europeans, Parsees, Hindus and Muslims.

The Pentangulars continued to be staged till 1946, the year in which the Hindus won the Championship. India attained her freedom in 1947 and because the new National Policy, this famous carnival tournament, which made the game immensely popular and gave to India great cricketers, ceased to exist.

The other annual tournament, which soon assured national importance and is today the most prestigious tournament, in which the Bombay Cricket Association's team directly participated, was the tournament for the National Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy. Started by the Board of Control for Cricket in India in the year 1934, Bombay won the Championship in the very inaugural year. Except in the year 1942, when Bombay did not participate in the tournament because of the freedom movement, the Association's team has participated in this major event and they won, till the Golden Jubilee Year, the Championship 28 times. Although, this record in its entirety is given in this volume elsewhere, it must be mentioned here that Bombay were the champions in its Silver Jubilee year and thanks to the exemplary team spirit and unparalleled determination of its players, the Championship and the Trophy were won by Bombay in this Golden Jubilee Year too !

With the triumphant march in the field of Cricket came new responsibilities and the Bombay Cricket Association was alive to own and under take them. These activities need wider mention and thence they will be dealt with under separate headings. It would suffice to list them here for the benefit of the readers, as these activities were undertaken prior to the years 1954 - 55 when the Association celebrated its Silver Jubilee. They are

1. 1948: Inaguration of the Dr. H. D. Kanga League Matches.
2. 1950: Inaguration of Dr. H. D. Kanga Memorial Library.
3. 1953/54: Inaguration of the Coaching Scheme for School-boys.