

FOR ATHLETIC PURITY.

I. A. A. Makes Some Important Constitutional Changes.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association, which was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, on Saturday afternoon, marked an important advance towards purity in athletic competition among the colleges. For some years past it has been conceded that the rules concerning eligibility and government were inadequate, and as a result a series of proposed amendments were announced by the Advisory Committee some weeks ago.

These amendments occupied the attention of the Executive and Advisory Committees in two preliminary sessions on Friday night and Saturday morning. Harvard had presented an independent set of amendments and this served to complicate the work of the committees considerably. Mutual concessions were made however by which a majority of the delegates were brought to agree on the principal subjects involved.

The meeting proper was called to order by President J. M. Magee, Yale '99, and the following representatives answered the roll call:

R. S. Fuling, Boston College; W. H. H. Knipe and F. M. Taylor, College of the City of New York; C. Hans Van Baur and Frank Steven, Columbia University; R. H. Ripley, Jr., Cornell University; T. A. Lynch, Dartmouth College; P. B. Reilly, Fordham College; James P. B. Duffy and J. E. Mulligan, Georgetown University, Washington; B. H. Hayes, F. R. Nourse and J. T. Roche, Harvard University; E. B. Conklin, Haverford College; J. F. Donnelly, Holy Cross College; R. W. Fuller, B. J. Meyers and W. L. Williams, Lafayette College; Rodney M. Heggie and Samuel W. Hicks, New York University; H. Kennedy Hill and C. L. McKeehan, University of Pennsylvania; Keith Donaldson and John R. Cregan, Princeton University; A. H. Shearer, Rutgers College; J. P. Broomell, Swarthmore College; John C. Boland, Syracuse University; H. H. Lehman, Williams College; J. M. Magee, J. D. Dana and T. R. Fisher, Jr., Yale University; W. I. Lee, Hamilton College.

Hamilton College was elected to membership in the Association and the following institutions, in arrears for last year's dues, were dropped from the list: Boston University, Brown, California, Iowa, Lehigh, Leland Stanford, Michigan, Pennsylvania State College, Wesleyan, and Wisconsin.

THE AMENDMENTS.

After the routine business had been disposed of, Gustavus T. Kirby, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, submitted the amendments as altered and recommended by the Executive Committee.

After considerable discussion the following amendments were agreed upon and adopted by the Association:

"The President of the Association, immediately after his election, shall appoint a Faculty Committee of four, a member being designated from its faculty by each of the four universities or colleges making the highest scores in points at the previous annual field meeting."

(At Harvard's suggestion the foregoing rule, which, as presented by the Advisory Committee, limited the right of appeal to the Faculty Committee from the decisions of the Executive Committee, to cases merely concerned with the scholarship standing of athletes, was extended so as to allow appeal in all questions where the eligibility of a competitor is involved.)

"Any member or ex-member of an Executive or Advisory Committee or any ex-officer shall be allowed to enter into discussion, but not to vote. Any alumnus may get the floor on a two-thirds vote of the Association."

(Harvard had sought that everyone except students be excluded from future meetings of the Association, and the preceding amendment was adopted as a compromise between Harvard's suggestion and a broader amendment presented by the Advisory Committee.)

"If a student has represented a col-

lege in any intercollegiate track meeting in which more than three colleges or universities participate and has won a point—a point meaning first, second or third place—in any event, he shall not be eligible to represent any other college he may thereafter attend in the intercollegiate meeting until he shall have resided two calendar years at the college or university he represents and has passed an annual examination on two full years' work. This amendment not to be retroactive, but affecting only those who enter college after the date of the adoption of this amendment."

The foregoing is considered the most important of all the amendments presented, as it will eliminate the old practice of drawing into the large institutions star athletes who have made their reputation in the smaller colleges.

The rule requiring a year's residence in the case of school-boys who have won prizes before entering college, was modified so as to place little additional restriction on them.

Some changes were made in the order of the games, and the track events on the final day will take place this year as follows:

100-yard run, semi-final heat; 120-yard hurdle, semi-final heat; one-mile run; 440-yard run, final heat; 120-yard hurdle, final heat; 100-yard run, final heat; two-mile run; 220-yard hurdle, semi-final heat; 220 yard run, semi-final heat; one-half mile run; 220-yard hurdle, final heat; 220-yard run, final heat.

THE OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted in the unanimous selection of the following men:

President, Keith Donaldson, Princeton; Honorary Vice-Presidents, J. C. Boland, Syracuse University; P. B. Reilly, Fordham College; Secretary, J. B. Van Vleck, New York University; Treasurer, W. R. Quinn, Columbia; Executive Committee, T. R. Fisher, Jr., Yale; F. R. Nourse, Harvard; R. H. Ripley, Jr., Cornell; C. L. McKeehan, University of Pennsylvania.

President Donaldson appointed the following to constitute the Advisory Committee: Gustavus T. Kirby, J. M. Magee, '99, and a representative of the University of Pennsylvania, who will probably be Murdock Kendrick.

At a meeting of the newly-elected Executive Committee, Oliver Shiras of Cornell was appointed Manager of the Games, and William B. Curtiss Referee.

BICYCLE ORGANIZATION.

After adjournment a meeting was held at which the organization of the new association, which will have charge of the intercollegiate bicycle races, was completed. H. K. Bird was elected temporary Chairman and the committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws presented plans for an organization modelled as far as possible after the Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The new organization will be known as the Intercollegiate Bicycle Racing Association. The time and place of the first meeting will be settled by the Executive Committee. L. M. Hall of Columbia was elected President, and the other officers will be chosen by local appointment from the following institutions, selected by vote: Secretary, New York University; Treasurer, Cornell; Executive Committee, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Harvard and Princeton.

Bicycle Team Training.

About twenty candidates for the University Bicycle Team have been taking physical exercise in the gymnasium under the direction of Captain L. Tweedy, '99. The outdoor work, which began this week, will continue, as the weather allows, until later in the season, when the team will be taken to the cement track in Bridgeport or to the Elm City Park track in New Haven.

The members of last year's team who are training at present, are J. H. Wear, 1901; W. McCutchen, 1900; L. T. Jaques, 1900 S.; W. J. Ehrich, 1900 S.; E. A. Strong, 1900 S.; P. T. Gilbert, 1901, and L. Tweedy, '99. Besides these men, there are several promising candidates among the Freshmen.

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Swimming Contest.

Arrangements have just been completed for a swimming contest between the teams of Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, and possibly Harvard, to take place at Madison Square Garden, March 9, under the auspices of the Sportmen's Association. The distance of the races will be fifty yards, with four men in each heat. There will probably be, also, a game of water polo between the teams of Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania.

Yale's team has not, as yet, been fully decided upon, but will be picked from the following men: L. S. Quackenbush, '99 S.; C. Oglebay, 1900; W. E. Minor, 1900; G. R. Hall, '99 S.; E. W. Farley, 1901 S.; G. M. Smith, 1901; W. S. Creevey, 1902, and T. H. Hall, Jr., 1900 S.

All these men have been swimming in the tank, daily, for the last month under the direction of Max Schwartz, the instructor.

Another Thaw

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