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## MONTHLY RECORD

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### YALE AT HENLEY.

It is now assured that an eight-oared crew of Yale University will row at the Henley-on-Thames, Royal Regatta, next July. At a meeting held March 2d the Yale Faculty granted permission to the crew and necessary substitutes to sail for England, June 6, and will also allow them to have special examinations during May, in place of the regular examinations which occur in June. In return for these concessions, the faculty insists that each man must finish the entire work of the term before leaving; must pass all his examinations for the year; and no student will be allowed to go as a member of the crew, who is behind the standard in any branch of University work.

The crew will enter in the race for the Grand Challenge Cup, for eight-oared shells with coxswains, which is open to the Amateur Oarsmen of the world. The crew are also eligible for the Ladies' Challenge Plate, open only to college crews, but will probably confine their rowing to the great race. They have also been invited to enter oarsmen in the four-oared races for the Stewards' Cup, and the Visitors' Challenge Cup, in the pair-oared race for the Silver Goblets, and the single scull race for the Diamond sculls, but sculling and rowing in pairs and fours, are practically unknown at Yale, and all the strength of her rowing department will be centered on the eight-oared crew.

The distance, a mile and five-sixteenths, is one wholly unknown to American, collegiate rowing, where the races are always three or four miles, and it is difficult to forecast how oarsmen accustomed to longer races and slower stroke will perform at Henley, but if change of climate does not put the crew out of condition, Americans may await the result with equanimity.

### THE CURTAIN FALLS ON DUNRAVEN.

At a well attended meeting of the New York Yacht Club held February 27th. Capt. Ledyard offered the following preamble and resolution.

"The Earl of Dunraven, an honorary member of this club, has publicly charged foul play on the part of the Defender in the recent races for the America's Cup, of such a nature as necessarily to implicate the managing owners of the vessel. The charge has been investigated by a commission of the highest character, which has proceeded judicially and before which Lord Dunraven has appeared and given his own and other testimony, and has been heard in person and by counsel. The commission has unanimously decided that the charge is false; that it was not merely unprovoked but was affirmatively disproved by competent and uncontradicted evidence, leaving no possibility of doubt. The commission has also found that the facts upon which Lord Dunraven acted, according to his own statement, furnished no justification for making such a charge.

We deem it to be among the unquestioned rules which regulate the intercourse of gentlemen that when one finds

that he has been led by mistake to cast unjust imputations upon the character of another he could promptly make such reparation as remains in his power by acknowledging his error, withdrawing the imputations and expressing his regret. Such reparation to Mr. Iselin and his associates the Earl of Dunraven after full opportunity, has failed to make.

"It further appears from the evidence, including Lord Dunraven's own admissions, that at the time of the Cup races he intentionally refrained from making the charges formally or making any protest, as required by the rules, because it was impossible for him to verify the charge and he was unwilling to take the responsibility of maintaining it.

"It is not open to discussion that when gentlemen are engaged in any sport and one suspects another of foul play he is bound to make the charge then, and in such a form and manner as to assume full responsibility therefor, or thereafter to remain silent.

"It further appears that in print and in public speech Lord Dunraven has sought to justify the making of the charge by numerous misrepresentations of fact. He has been forced himself to admit the untruth of most of them, yet he stubbornly refuses to retract the injurious inferences drawn from them.

"The representatives of this club engaged in the international yacht races with Lord Dunraven as the representative of English yachtsmen upon the footing of mutual confidence and honor. He has required their courtesy and confidence by distrust suspicion, unfounded imputations of fraud, and a refusal of reparation.

"Lord Dunraven by its course has forfeited the high esteem which led to his election as an honorary member of this club. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the privileges of honorary membership heretofore extended to the Earl of Dunraven are hereby withdrawn, and that his name be removed from the list of honorary members of the club."

Capt. Ledyard's proposition was seconded by Mr. Lloyd Phoenix, the Chairman's invitation for comment met with no response, and the tellers reported that the resolution had been adopted by a vote of thirty-nine to one.

It is extremely unfortunate that the New York Yacht Club should have found it necessary to deal so summarily with a man who was, to some extent, the official representative of British yachtsmen, but no unprejudiced person can deny that the club was well within its rights and duties, Dunraven appears to be a man of that abnormally suspicious disposition which commonly exists only in those persons who judge others by themselves. He seems to have brought to America the belief that he was to be swindled, and was constantly on the lookout for fuel to feed this fire. Before the first race he saw, or thought he saw, some things which he did not understand, but instead of immediately demanding an explanation, which could then have been made satisfactory and convincing, he waited until it was too late to prove anything, and then made infamous charges against the owners, managers and crew of the *Defender*. The New York Yacht Club referred these charges to a committee with whose composition Dunraven was compelled to admit himself entirely satisfied, and after a most minute and thorough investigation this committee

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reported, not that Dunraven's charges were unproved, but that they were completely disproved. At this stage of the proceedings a gentleman would have seen before him no possible course but to make a prompt, complete, and even humble retraction and apology. Instead of this manly action, Dunraven continued to argue and quibble and complain until the New York Yacht Club was compelled to officially announce that he was not worthy to associate hereafter with the gentlemen of that club.

Although nine-tenths of all British yachtsmen admit that the New York Yacht Club was right, and Dunraven wrong, the affair must inevitably produce some hard feeling and much ill-natured newspaper comment, and has already prevented a race for the America's Cup this season. But justice and common sense and common decency will triumph in the near future, and it is already announced that Sir George Newnes will challenge for a race in 1897, and that his yacht is now under construction by Henderson Brothers, Glasgow, Scotland.

### FOOTBALL—UNIFORM RULES.

The football authorities of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania are endeavoring to establish a code of playing rules which will be accepted by all American colleges. The different rules in use last year created much confusion and some hard feeling; and each of the colleges is willing to make reasonable concessions for the purpose of obtaining a code which will be universally accepted. The first meeting of the delegates was held March 13th, at the University Club, New York City, and the matter will be pushed as rapidly as possible, so that the new rules may be accepted before the playing season commences.

## COLLEGIATE SPORT.

### STRICTER REGULATIONS IN OHIO.

The regular annual meeting of the Association of Presidents and Deans of Ohio Colleges was held January 3d. at Columbus. The proper regulation and restriction of collegiate sport occupied much of the Association's time, and after a long and thorough discussion the old rules were amended so that they now read as follows:

"No student shall take part in intercollegiate athletics during the first year of his connection with the college unless he brings special recommendations as to industry and high scholarly attainments.

In any intercollegiate game no person shall be chosen as umpire or referee, or for any similar position, who as any connection with either of the colleges contending.

"Any student properly and duly disqualified by umpire or referee for slugging or any other form of foul play shall be debarred from playing in any intercollegiate game for the remainder of the college year, unless reinstated by the Presidents of the non-participating colleges;

"The use of profanity or any obscenity by any member of the team shall be strictly forbidden by the managers and captains of such teams.

"Where any member of a team fails in the work of the preceding term, or has charged against him any condition, such student shall not

### INTERCOLLEGIATE AND INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

Towards the end of last year the International Match Committee of the Associated Cricket Clubs, of Philadelphia, had much correspondence and held several meetings regarding the advisability of sending a team, representing the Gentlemen of Philadelphia, to England during the coming summer. Arrangements were almost complete when, to the great disappointment of many, the proposal was abandoned, owing to the fact that arrangements had been completed for the Australians to make a tour in England this summer, and that therefore a satisfactory schedule could not be made up for the Philadelphians. We are to be more than appeased for our loss in this direction by the fact that a team of our college men are to tour in England. It was announced on February 20th, by the Alumni Cricket Committee, of Haverford College, that they had decided to send their team to England this summer, at the close of term. The team will sail about the middle of June, and will play against the large public schools and other teams of equal strength.

It is not the object of this team to distinguish itself in England (although there is little doubt that it will prove the equal, if not the superior, of many of its opponents), but to develop a greater enthusiasm in the game at home, and we wish Haverford every success in the step she is taking. Nothing can do so much good for cricket in this country as its growth in the colleges and large schools. It gives us pleasure to see that not only have the students shown enthusiasm, but that the Alumni of the college have given every encouragement to the team by offering them all the financial and other assistance they may require.

be allowed to play in any intercollegiate game until his conditions have been made good.

"No student shall be allowed to receive any form of compensation for engaging in athletics.

"These rules are to go into effect immediately."

### REFORM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The faculty Committee on Athletics have announced the following regulations and definitions:

#### AMATEUR.

"RULE 1.—No student shall represent the University of Pennsylvania in any public athletic contest, either individually or as a member of any team, who either before or since entering the university shall have engaged for money in any athletic competition, whether for a stake or prize money or a share of the entrance fees or admission money; or who shall have taught or engaged in any athletic exercise or sport as a means of livelihood; or who shall have received for taking part in any athletic sport or contest any pecuniary gain or emolument whatsoever, direct or indirect, with the single exception that he may have received from the college organization or any permanent amateur association of which he is at the time a member, the amount by which the expenses necessarily incurred by him in representing his organization in athletic contests exceeded his ordinary expenses.