

sented by Dr. Jennings, Mr J F Grierson, and Mr P. Selig—three good and true amateurs. Presumably the N.Z.A.A.A. has consented to accede to the wishes of the League for a conference as a matter of courtesy. Still, I fancy the Association would have done more wisely had it declined to recognise the League in any way in connection with amateur cycling. Recognise the League as the governing body of professional cycling by all manner of means, and work amicably with them as such, but decline to discuss amateur cycling with them whilst the Alliance lives. This may appear an uncompromising attitude to take up, but I am convinced that it is the right one. This conference move on the part of the League is made with an object, and the N.Z.A.A.A. must remember that the latest scheme of forming mixed athletic and cycling clubs with cash the reward for winning instead of trophies, is just as much a move against the Association as against the Alliance. In the game of check and checkmate now going on, the N.Z.A.A.A. should never forget that the avowed object of certain League wire-pullers and Press partisans is to wipe the floor with the Alliance—and anyone who stands in the way, too, seemingly.

George Sutherland, New Zealand's champion rider, has finally made up his mind to try his luck in Australia, and left for Melbourne on Thursday last. Since Sutherland came over from the West Coast over two years ago, and won the New Zealand Wheel Race at Christchurch, he has won more races and more stake money than any rider in New Zealand. After seeing him ride, I had no hesitation in saying that he was one of the very best in the land, and I was not slow in recommending him to leave New Zealand and meet the champion of Australia. "Suthy" has now left us, and cyclists throughout both islands will, I am sure, join me in wishing him many successes against the great riders now in Australia.

The League is still persisting in calling itself the governing body of cycling in New Zealand, and even goes so far as to announce this in the columns of its official organ. For misrepresentation, consummate cheek and underhand methods, the League certainly is entitled to take a high position. Let me once more tell the League that it only governs cash cycling in New Zealand, and that the New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance governs amateur cycling. I will persist in letting the cycling public know this until the mighty League drops calling itself the "governing body of cycling in New Zealand."

The idea of the League even attempting to govern amateur cycling is all bunkum. What has the League done for amateur cycling in New Zealand? Absolutely nothing. It has over 900 cash riders, and about 60 amateurs. In Christchurch, where the League has its headquarters, there is not a single League Amateur. And yet the League has the audacity to style itself the governing body of cycling in New Zealand. It is about time sports bodies outside New Zealand were informed of the true state of affairs.

The Cyclists' Alliance, one of the oldest sports bodies in the world, has always governed amateur cycling in New Zealand; it has never disbanded; it has never attempted to cater for the cash rider in any shape or form; it has always upheld and stuck to the principles of amateurism; it is recognised by the Australian unions as the governing body of cycling in this part of the world; and although it has lost several of its clubs, it intends to still carry out the objects for which it was formed many years ago, i.e., the promotion of amateur cycling in New Zealand.

At the present time the Alliance has six clubs affiliated to it, including the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club and the Pioneer Bicycle Club (Christchurch). These two clubs are the oldest, strongest (financially and otherwise), and most influential sports clubs in New Zealand. Before the next cycling season is far advanced it is expected that the Alliance will have added more clubs to its roll.

Lancaster Park (Christchurch), admittedly the finest sports ground in New Zealand, has been enlarged, and the company controlling it contemplates effecting several improvements as soon as the winter is over. At the annual meeting of the company the balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the year amounted to £874. The principal items of revenue

were:—Football £169, cycling £231, cricket £136, trotting £160, lawn tennis £52, athletics £29. It will be seen that cycling is the sport that pays best.



[BY VIGILANT.]

It is reported that Tom Carroll made a new world's record with the 12lb hammer at San Francisco recently. The throw was 217ft., the previous record being 205ft.

At the last Council meeting of the Association, Messrs Coombes, Marks, and Morgan were appointed to make all arrangements for the adequate representation of N.S.W. at the Australasian Championships next November—a pretty tall order, as it means not only selecting the team, but also making the necessary arrangements to finance the expeditionary force. With but little delay the trio of selectors met, and quickly decided to ask three of the Australasian champions whether they are willing and able to go to Brisbane. The athletes in question are: Stanley Rowley (100 and 200yds champion), J. English (high jump and shot-putting champion), and J. W. Laidlaw (120yds hurdle champion). Another champion is to be found in Sydney in the person of J. Milward (hammer-throwing champion), but as the Limerick athlete has not competed for many a long day, and his best throw is well behind what has been since done elsewhere, his name was not added to the list of those chosen without test. The selectors have requested the clubs to send in lists of such members as they consider eligible for inclusion in the team, and who are willing and able to make the journey, and when Messrs Coombes, Marks, and Morgan have this material to work upon they will decide what tests are necessary. I believe (says "Prodigal" in the Sydney Referee) that when several men are considered of fairly equal merit they will be asked to enter for whichever of the championship events will meet the case, or, if none be suitable, test races will be called for. The selectors also call upon the clubs to, as far as possible, hold trial games of their own, at which they (the selectors) would be present.

Harvard beat Yale in their Inter-Varsity games at New Haven on May 14, 54½ points to 41½ points. Five points were allowed for a win, 2 points for second, and 1 for third. It is worthy of note that up to the time of the departure of the American mail, Harvard had beaten Yale at football, tennis, whist, chess, debate, and track athletics. Baseball and eight-oared rowing had not been decided. The principal results were:—100yds: F. A. Blout (Y.). Time, 10 1-5 sec. 220yds: Dixon Boardman (Y.). Time, 22 3-5sec. Running High Jump: C. M. Rotch (H.), 5ft 11in. Three men tied at 5ft 9½in for second place. Running Broad Jump: C. D. Daly (H.), 22ft 3in. Pole Vault: R. G. Clapp (Y.), unopposed. Putting 16lb Shot: H. J. Brown (H.), 30ft 9½in. Throwing 16lb Hammer: W. A. Boal (H.), 130ft 7in. 440yds: T. E. Burke (H.). Time, 49 4-5sec. 880yds: C. P. Adams (Y.). Time, 1min 57 4-5sec. One Mile: C. B. Spitzer (Y.). Time, 4min 33 1-5sec. 120yds Hurdles: F. B. Fox (H.). Time, 15 4-5sec. 220yds Hurdles: J. Converse (H.). Time, 25 3-5sec. "Father Bill" Curtis, of the New York A.C., was was referee.

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