The Henley Regatta.

Unusual attention is centered upon this year's Henley regatta from the fact that for the first time in its history it will partake of an international character. In addition to the entry of the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, and Italy, it is also hoped that the famous Argonaut club of Toronto, recent conquerors in a regatta in Holland, will again come across the Atlantic and compete. In consequence, the officials are making preparations for what will undoubtedly be a record year, J. P. Cooper, secretary of the regatta committee, said:

"Nothing could have given the committee more satisfaction than the entrance of the teams from Canada. They are so well known to all English athletes by reason of their contests that we have no doubt of their presence, and we will receive every possible attention. As yet, the Yale men have made no announcement. I can suggest nothing better than the same house, Underwood, which Cooper '90 held last year. It is high and well drained, a most essential factor in our climate."

It is suggested that in addition to the eight-oar, Yale enter a four-oar crew for the Stewards' cup. This same crew, last year, first turned the feelings of the Henley officials that they had entered a non-competitor, and, as a result, they have been required to turn in its boat, while Trinity, the former boat propelled by the short stroke, seemed to stop between the time the blades were taken from the water and again put in, while Trinity's boat went along at the same pace from start to finish.

In the town itself many preparations are being made for the forth coming regatta. Hotels are being redecorated, and have already arranged for the extra influx of patroonage. Among the many improvements that are in contemplation is the building of a large boating shed for the Leander Boat Club. This will be located on the east bank of the river, a short distance from the picturesque stone bridge.

Documentary History of Iowa.

Numbers 3 and 4 of the Documentary History of Iowa, edited by H. F. Shiabamba, has just emerged from the press of the Iowa Historical and Library Association, Des Moines. They contain the introduction by the editor, the various acts by which territorial organization of the Northwest was completed. Vol. 4 contains "An Act Establishing the Territorial Government of Wisconsin." "An Act for the Relief of the students at the United States Military Academy."

The collection of these historical documents relates to the commonwealth of Iowa, is certainly a work to which is important, and it is very largely conducted by Dr. Shiabamba.

The amount of time and labor involved is not small, and the Historical Society is fortunate in having it so satisfactorily done.

Sawyer Prize Rules.

The following are the rules governing the Sawyer Prize, as announced by Professor W. H. White:

1. Any student of the University may apply for the Sawyer Prize.
2. The subject of the essay must be "The Rise of Literature in the West."
3. The essay must be handed in to the faculty of English not later than May 12th.
4. Each MS. must be signed simply with a pen name, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing nothing but the same of the writer's name.
5. Each MS. must be neatly and folded, and must be written on every page.
6. The MS. must not be rolled nor folded, and must be written on every page.
7. The medal or money will be awarded to the best essay; and the fourth best will receive "honorable mention."

A Review of Canadian Affairs, by J. W. Russell, in the last number of the Review of Reviews, suggests and answers several interesting inquiries related to the political and other concerns of the Dominion. The main issue of the approaching general elections—the protective tariff and the Manitoba school question—are clearly defined, economic conditions are described, and proposed reforms are outlined. Mr. W. H. Stead tells the story of the man who went to Cape Colony for his health and determined to become the "Napoleon of Africa."

The new decree in France regarding French universities will doubtless hand over many of our foreign students from Germany to France. Hereafter a student had to do all his college and university work at a French University to get a degree, and, resulting in, there are not half a dozen men in the United States holding doctorates from German universities, who are more liberal in that they have not been accredited by their own country."

College Notes.

The house has recently passed the bill of the Virginia senate, authorizing the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to issue $200,000 bonds, to repair the loss by the late fire at that institution. The annual spring games of the Yale University Athletic Association will be held on May 2, at New Haven. The athletic team of the University of California has received a telegram from the Harvard team accepting a challenge to meet May 31.

Chicago University will graduate its first class next June. A meeting of those who expect a bachelor's degree was called recently to organize the first senior class in the undergraduate work.

The faculty athletic committee of Pennsylvania as yet have not decided to prohibit the entire base ball team, with two exceptions, from the University of Pennsylvania in future athletic contests, because they played on "summer nine." The exceptions are "The Tappan Hakes," who was elected president of the class, and "The Big Gray," who has not yet been considered.

The Virginia gym prize is offered by a member of the Harvard base ball team of '96, to the player on this year's nine making the best batting record. An exorbitant price is offered for any player making the largest total of sacrifice hits. The third prize is offered by a member of the Harvard base ball team for scoring the largest number of runs.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Association of Track Athletes of America will be held at Mott Haven, as usual, in the latter part of May. The trial heats will be held the day after the final heat at these events at the regular meet is proposed as follows: Track—100 yards dash, semi-final; 120 yards dash, semi-final; 440 yards dash one-mile run; 120 yards hurdles, final; 120 yards dash, final; one mile walk; half mile run; 220 yards hurdles, semi-final; three-mile run, 220 yards dash, final; 1000 yard dash, throwing the hammer: pole vault; running high jump; final; standing long jump; final; putting the shot, final.

Miss Ada H. Hyde, who graduated from Cornell University in 1892, has been highly honored from the University of Heidelberg by the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the natural sciences. This is the latest in the history of this renowned university has a doctor's degree been conferred upon a woman. It was done considering original scientific investigation, and the degree was granted to her principally on the basis of her excellent thesis.

The interest aroused in the colleges all over the country in regard to civil service reform is taking a new turn. The committee appointed to make arrangements looking toward the organization of a civil service reform club, held a meeting Saturday afternoon, and formed a permanent club under the name of the Good Government Club. It is believed that this name will give the organization a wide appeal, and the plans for aggressive work in the matter of national, state and municipal reform will be carried on in connection with the college civil service reform clubs, notwithstanding the change of name.

The Harvard crew took to the river for the first time yesterday, and Dr. W. H. Munnford appeared as coach. Their style of rowing was the same as Watson had coached them in, despite rumors that Munnford had changed it. A. B. Foote, Yale '96, Malcolm, Chace '96, and W. A. Larner, will represent the United States in the English champion ship tennis tournament at Wimbledon next July.

In fulfillment of their promise the students of California University turned out and spent several days' labor cleaning rubbish from the campus, and the style of rowing was as Watson had coached them in, despite rumors that Munnford had changed it.
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