

FENCING.

THE annual amateur championship meeting is given under the joint management of the Amateur Athletic Union and the Amateur Fencers' League of America. The preliminaries were held, this year, April 2 and 3, in the club-house of the New York Athletic Club, New York City, and the finals May 1, at the Fencers' Club, New York city.

In the preliminary trials those competitors who reach a certain standard are thereby made eligible to contend in the finals; and those who won places in last year's championships are permitted to compete again without participation in the preliminary trials.

The results of the preliminary trials were as follows:

With the foils the standard was 55 points, and five competitors qualified, the score being as follows: A. V. Z. Post, Fencers' Club, 64 points; W. T. Heintz, New York Athletic Club, 63 1-7 points; J. L. Erving, Fencers' Club, 58 1/2 points; J. E. Hoffman, 57 2-7 points; J. Allaire, New York Turn Verein, 55 5-7 points; W. J. Fieldkamp, New York A.C., 49 1/2 points; A. Brownell, Boston Athletic Association, 46 1/4 points; Dr. G. C. Lawrence, 49 1-3 points.

The fencers eligible for this year's finals, by having won places last year, were C. G. Bothner, New York Athletic Club, and C. Tatham, Fencers' Club.

With the duelling sword the standard was 6 points, and four contestants qualified, the score being as follows: S. T. Shaw, New York A.C., 12; A. F. Riggs, Harvard University, 10; A. Brownell, Boston A.A., 9; Dr. J. H. C. Claiborne, Fencers' Club, 6; J. Allaire, New York T.V., 5; J. L. Erving, Fencers' Club, 0.

Those eligible by last year's performances were A. V. Z. Post, Fencers' Club; W. T. Heintz, New York A.C., and C. G. Bothner, New York A.C.

With sabres only two qualified, the score being as follows: W. J. Fieldkamp, New York A. C., 71 2-3 points; J. Allaire, New York T.V., 59 1-6 points; J. L. Erving, Fencers' Club, 48 1-3 points.

Those qualified by last year's performances were C. G. Bothner, A. Pope and F. Slazenger, all of New York Athletic Club.

The results of the finals were as follows:

FOILS.

C. G. Bothner, N.Y.A.C., 388 2-3 points; A. V. Z. Post, F.C., 388 1-3; C. Tatham, F. C., 333; W. T. Heintz, N. Y.A.C., 328; J. L. Erving, F.C., 314; J. Allaire, N.Y.T.V., 296.

DUELLING SWORDS.

C. G. Bothner, N.Y.A.C., 8 touches; S. T. Shaw, N. Y.A.C., 7 touches; Dr. J. H. Claiborne, F.C., and A. V. Z. Post, F.C., tied at 6 touches, and Dr. Claiborne won the deciding bout; W. T. Heintz, N.Y.A.C., 3 touches.

SABRES.

C. G. Bothner, N.Y.A.C., 162 1-3 points; F. L. Slazenger, N.Y.A.C., 142 1-3; J. Allaire, N.Y.T.V., 128.

That one swordsman should win all three championships is an unprecedented triumph, and Mr. Bothner deserves great credit for his patience and perseverance. He has attained his present proficiency only by long-continued practice, his record in championships being as follows:

1889—Beaten in second round of foils

1890—Beaten in first round of foils.

1891—Beaten in first round of foils and first round of duelling swords, and won with sabres.

1892—Was third with foils and also with sabres.

1893—Was third with foils and also with sabres.

1894—Won with foils, tied for second place with duelling swords, and was second with sabres.

1895—Was second with foils, and first with duelling swords and sabres.

1896—Was third with foils and duelling swords, and first with sabres.

1897—Was first with foils, duelling swords and sabres.

THE JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

The second annual championship foil-fencing competition between junior teams was held April 16 and 17, at the Fencers' Club, 37 West Twenty-second street, New York City. The competing teams were as follows:

Harvard University—H. Bowker, M. Green and M. de Diaz.

Cornell University—Dr. C. P. Varganven, W. O. Amsler and R. Rathburn.

New York Athletic Club—C. C. Curran, A. Schroeder and W. Lyon.

Fencers' Club—Dr. J. H. Claiborne, J. L. Erving and E. Tatham.

The total score of the teams was as follows: New York Athletic Club, 1,574 points; Cornell University, 1,500 points; Fencers' Club, 1,499 points; Harvard University, 1,476 points.

The higher individual scores were as follows: W. Lyon, New York A. C., 650; R. Rathburn, Cornell, 580; M. Green, Harvard, 530; J. L. Erving, Fencers' Club, 525; C. C. Curran, New York A. C., 517.

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ROWING.

THE Harvard class races to which I have referred in an article appearing in the body of this number of OUTING (pages 237-240), took place on the 7th of May last. Four crews—'97, '98, '99 and 1900—were entered. The '99 crew was the favorite and won with exceeding ease, rowing the stroke which Mr. Lehmann has been teaching.

The '97 crew was coached

by a professional oarsman, who, I am informed, looked upon Mr. Lehmann's stroke and method of training as entirely unsuited to American conditions; and finished last by something over seven lengths, being practically

distanced by every crew rowing the Lehmann stroke. The Freshman crew finished third, three lengths behind '98. Boardman stroked and McDuffie, Marvin and Donald rowed at Nos. 7, 5 and 4, respectively, in the winning boat. These four men have been rowing in the University at times during the winter. On May 12th Boardman took Perkins' place as stroke of the University, while Marvin rowed at bow.

Thus the first class races held under the new conditions at Harvard have demonstrated that Mr. Lehmann's ideas amount to something. They also demonstrated, what I have always maintained, that with proper and uniform coaching, the class crew could be made recruiting ground for the University crew of the same year. It is, not unlikely that at least two of the men who rowed in the winning class eights will be members of the University