

# COLLEGE FENCING BODY ADOPTS LEAGUE RULES

## *Decision Puts All Fencers on More Equal Footing—Limited Strip, Limited Target Retained.*

At a meeting held yesterday morning in the Hotel Astor the Intercollegiate Fencing Association decided to adopt the rules of the Amateur Fencers' League of America for future competition. This was construed as being a sign of further progress for the college fencer. While the colleges will hereafter follow the A. F. L. A. rules they retained two of the old provisions. These are the limited strip and the limited target.

The intercollegiate rules are more stringent than the A. F. L. A. rules in this regard as it insures closer adherence to standard form and teaches the college man the proper fencing strokes more efficiently. The decision to adopt the A. F. L. A. rules is expected to put all the fencers on a more equal footing and give the college man a better chance to advance quickly in club and international and Olympic competition after he leaves college.

Roughly, the difference between intercollegiate rules and A. F. L. A. rules may be defined for the lay person as the difference between college and professional rules in basketball. One of the proposals voted down at the meeting was that providing for professionals, coaches and others to judge amateur bouts. In some parts of the country there has been difficulty in getting competent judges for bouts and it was thought desirable to impress the coaches into service. This will not be done, however.