

# TO ORGANIZE BRANCH OF AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

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that nobody will feel slighted at not being specially invited.

## History of the Movement.

Some time ago President Pixotto of the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association called on Doctor Hand at the Y. M. C. A., during his short sojourn here, and told the physical director that President Sullivan of the national organization had directed him to suggest that a Hawaiian branch be organized, and proposed to Doctor Hand that he feel the pulse of the local athletic community and see what could be done in the matter.

Doctor Hand, in accordance with suggestions, sent the names of the heads of local associations to the national president and named Lorrin Andrews as the best available man, in his judgment, to act as organizer. President Sullivan forthwith mailed to Mr. Andrews and the heads of the local organizations, membership application blanks and the A. A. U. year book, and it was suggested that the Honolulu organizations merge with the Pacific Coast branch. A meeting or two was held, and while nearly all were in favor of going into the union, there was some discussion as to the advisability of connecting with the Pacific branch. Some seemed to want the local branch to be directly under the national organization. Nothing, however, was done about it, and the matter has been allowed to rest, although there has been considerable correspondence between Doctor Hand and Pixotto, and also with President Sullivan.

When it became known that Doctor Hand, who had initiated the movement here, was going to take an extended trip through the States, it was thought advisable to take some action before his departure, as it will be necessary to get the papers in to the national organization before the annual meeting, which takes place on the fifteenth of October.

## Plan Generally Favored.

Nearly all those who received their notices yesterday were highly in favor of the plan to renovate sports in the Islands and bar out professionalism. Some said that so many were tainted with professionalism that if they did not clean the slates and let everybody start over again the membership would be so limited that there would not be enough to get up a game of ball. Colonel Jones stated that certain ball-players here played for compensation in one game, and in the next they were taking part in amateur events. Some professionalism was mentioned in connection with the Outrigger Club and the local boat clubs, and it is understood that there has been something of a shakeup in the former recently on account of the professional practices of some of the younger members.

At tomorrow's meeting some definite action will be taken looking to remedy the complaint before it becomes too widespread.