

A. A. U. PRESIDENT SETTLED DIFFICULTY

Getting Things Straight in A. A. U.-Regatta Affair—Secre- tary Produces Evidence.

Secretary William King of the Hui Nalu wants an afternoon report in regard to the recent difficulty between the A. A. U. and Regatta crews put straight in the eyes of the public and more so before those who follow water sports.

"The afternoon story says, in part:

"It is interesting to note, however, that under the strict interpretation of the very rules now under discussion, Duke lost his amateur standing last year, after he had made his swimming marks here. He was a member of the Hui Nalu canoe crew that won first place from the Outriggers, the first prize appearing on last year's list as \$30, and the second as \$15. On the winning crew with Duke were Vincent Genoves, who swam in the East as an amateur; W. Cottrell, J. Lishman, D. Keawemahi and "Dude" Miller."

"To make a long story short, the following letter written a year ago to-day," said Mr. King last night, "will explain the situation and show clearly the falsity of the afternoon report:

"Honolulu, T. H., Sept. 15, 1911.

"Mr. W. T. Rawlins, Honolulu:

"Dear Sir:—Referring to your telephone message of today, relative to the possibility of the competition of registered athletes in the Regatta events of tomorrow, September 16, I would say that the Regatta Committee have agreed to withdraw all offers of cash prizes for the races tomorrow, specifying on their official programs that the prizes are to be trophies.

"So far as I know none of the men who have entered for the various events are professional athletes, but as the races are not under the control of the A. A. U., we have not been able to check the list fully. If there are no professionals in the opposing crews the men from the Hui Nalu can safely take part in the canoe races, since only trophies are offered as prizes. I am advised by Mr. E. K. Crawford, representing the athletes from Kalihi that there are no professionals among their number who will take part in tomorrow's events.

"The desire of your men to protect their amateur standing is appreciated and very gratifying, and I shall be pleased to do anything which I can to prevent their being drawn into professional contests without their knowledge, and I am sure all the members of the board of managers of the A. A. U. feel the same. Yours very truly,

"G. H. TUTTLE,

"President, Hawaiian Association,
A. A. U.'"