Athletics.

The Oxford crew has decided not to accept the challenge from Cornell University to row a race in the United States.

Yale's new gymnasium was formally presented to the Yale corporation by the gymnasium committee, Jan. 23. Many prominent graduates were present.

The World's Fair committee will attempt to arrange a series of races, between the crews of the world, to be held in Chicago next summer. Oxford has already written asking information and expressing their willingness to compete.

In the recent skating contest between Evans, Donoghue and Franklin, Donoghue won, covering the distance, one hundred miles in 7 hours, 11 minutes, 38 1-5 seconds. From the seventeenth mile up to the one hundredth all records were broken.

Peter Berlo, the crack Boston bicyclist, has made application for a license to become a member in the National Cycling association. This will make Berlo a professional rider. He is the first L. A. W. man to take the step, but he expects Zimmerman and other cracks to follow him.

J. S. Johnson, of bicycle fame, has challenged Joe Donoghue, the World's champion amateur skater, to a race for the world's championship. Johnson is credited with having broken the world's mile record recently. Donoghue says he will not accept the challenge.

The Chicago athletic club has organized a base ball team, which consists of famous players from the old college teams of the country. Jos. A. Murphy, a graduate of the St. Louis University, has been chosen captain. The team will probably play with the eastern colleges during the spring.

At a recent meeting the racing board of the League of American Wheelmen formulated a new set of rules to govern amateur racing. In these rules the races are divided

into two classes. In class A the rider is limited to the old restrictions, but in class B, a professional may compete, and for a cash prize. The board claims that it was necessary to form this second class in order to keep the crack riders in the L. A. W. The rules are being censured by all amateur racing men.

There is a great row at Yale over the action of the captains of the various teams pledging themselves to allow only undergraduates of the Acadmic and Scientific departments to become members of their teams. This action throws out the law students, of whom are Bowers and Norton of the base ball team, Graves and Balliett of the crew, and many candidates who have attended other colleges before coming to Yale. Intense indignation has been aroused in the students and a meeting of college men will probably be called to resent this action, and the captains will be asked to resign. The faculty have taken a hand in the fight and have urged the captains to use moderation. The outcome of this fight will have great significance on college athletics in the future.

World's fair Notes.

The exhibit of Great Britain will occupy 600,000 feet of space

Japan will send seventy tons of fish and fishing tackle as an exhibit.

It has been announced that the Infanta Isabella will represent the royal family of Spain at the fair.

Senor Don Caloo, minister for Costa Rica has completed arrangements for the exhibit of his government.

The first shipment of the Krupp gun exhibit, consisting of fifteen cars, reached Jackson Park, Monday.

A reproduction in salt of our Goddess of Liberty is being made at Winstead, England, for exhibition at Chicago.

Venezuella has compiled and published an illustrated description of the Exposition