tee, after careful and thorough investigation, chose the present colors, which were called in their report "cardinal red and silver gray"; and their choice was ratified by the four classes then in attendance at the Institute. This was at some time during the winter of 1875. In June, 1876, the Institute as a battalion, numbering over five hundred, went on to Philadelphia to the Centennial, and the new colors were a conspicuous feature of the occasion. The first public graduation exercises at the Institute occurred in May, 1879, and the members of the Senior class of that year received their diplomas tied at one end with a silver gray ribbon and at the other with one of cardinal. This was the first official recognition of the colors by the authorities of the Institute, although the military instructor at that time, Lieutenant Zalinski (now Captain 4th U. S. Artillery), had already, in 1876, recognized them by causing the guidons for the battalion to be made of the cardinal and gray. In the fall of 1888, as the result of a football contest, a strenuous claim was put forward by the Worcester Polytechnic Institute to sole proprietorship in the cardinal and gray for college colors; and a rigorous discussion of the point ensued in the college press. A communication to The Tech from an undergraduate, suggesting that the old colors be thrown aside and a single solid color adopted, together with a injudicious editorial favoring that idea, aroused the alumni to action, and their strenuous opposition to changing the "dear old colors" was sufficient to overcome the faint-hearted support the plan was receiving. It was shown that the Worcester claim of priority was doubtful, and held that as many colleges used the same colors, Worcester had not in any case just ground for complaint. The class colors of crimson and white then in existence were changed, and the cardinal and silver gray established more firmly than ever as the Institute colors. And forever may they wave over Technology,—the cardinal red and the silver gray!

Communications.

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To the Editors of The Tech:—

Will you kindly publish in your next issue of The Tech the exact M. I. T. colors?
I should like to know whether the colors are simply red and gray, or whether there is a particular shade,—carmine or crimson, or silver gray or pearl gray, or whatever it may be.
I think it will be a matter of general interest, and you will greatly oblige,

A. E. W.

To the Editors of The Tech.—I should like to criticise the committee which was elected to confer with the Eastern colleges upon the subject of our future relations of football. All of the men are good football men, and some of them are eminently qualified to discuss this subject in the proper manner. Mr. Vorce has shown in every way his claim to the position of chairman of such a committee, and we all know his sentiments are strongly in favor of a league which will do credit to the Institute. Very few of us appreciate what a victory he has won in taking our team through the last season, and coming out finally with a surplus of $200.

Mr. Simonds has always been connected with Institute football, and he also will try to do his best for our future in the football world. Mr. Clark, having been selected President of the Football Association, it would be natural to suppose he deserves a prominent place on the present committee. But he expressed opinions at the meeting of December 31st, which would lead one to believe that he cared very little about the stand we would take next fall. His report, as delegate to the convention of the Triangular League, conveyed the opinion to several men that he had lost heart before he had tried to gain a point.

Mr. Taintor will make a first rate man, provided he is given the proper advice. He has no finesse in business matters, but will make a good weight if his ideas are well fixed. Lastly Mr. Thomas is one of the most deserving men that could have been elected. He has done better than any captain we have had for many years and, although young, has shown his ability to fulfill every duty in connection with his position as captain. He will work hard for the success of a satisfactory league.

At the football association meeting many strong opinions were expressed as to the position we should take next fall, and, with the present committee elected to represent the Institute, our chances for a suitable league for next season should be well assured. The committee have a great responsibility, and we, the men of the Institute, look for them to do their best.