would be placed. The action of the Corporation this week has now made this question a perfectly definite one. Not only has it voted to establish a department of physical culture, but it has voted a site for the Walker Memorial building as well. Two sites are offered by the Corporation, one adjoining the Pierce building, the other a larger lot on Garrison street.

"It will be seen that this action of the Corporation not only gives definiteness and purpose to the effort which you have been making, but also assures the success of that effort, once the Walker Memorial building has been obtained. The contribution of the land will amount to not less than $60,000, while fully $150,000 will be required as an endowment for such a department. The Corporation has therefore contributed $200,000 to make the Memorial which you are preparing for Gen. Walker of the greatest possible value to the student body.

"All this action is predicted on the condition that the $100,000 to build the Walker Memorial building shall be subscribed before July 1, 1901. With all uncertainty removed, with a definite end in view, with an object like this of such moment, to be accomplished by the success of your subscriptions to this undertaking, there is just one thing to which the alumni and former students should bend their efforts at this moment, and that is to the completion of this subscription of $100,000.

"Forty thousand dollars has already been subscribed by about one-tenth of your number. The $60,000 yet remaining ought to be subscribed at once. In this matter I ask the aid of every man who loves the Institute of Technology and who has ever studied in its halls.

"The circumstances of this effort are so unusual that, notwithstanding my short service with you, I feel that I may appeal to each man who has been a student here in this matter in a personal and direct manner. Those of you who value the training you received here, who look to the Institute in the future as a source of improvement and help in the scientific world, cannot fail to recognize these facts.

"This movement was begun two years ago as a mark of the respect due to a great man. This man gave his life to the Institute of Technology, and for seventeen years he poured into it a stream of enthusiasm, of energy and of genuine sympathy with student life. It was a gracious and kindly acknowledgment of the debt you owed to him, when the plan for a memorial building was put forward, and in raising $40,000 toward that plan in the absence of definite knowledge where the building should go and what purpose it should serve, you have done well, but it will be small tribute to his memory and small recognition of your faith and your hope in the Institute, if, with a definite plan before you, this enterprise should lag in its fulfilment.

"There never was a time, nor probably will there be a time when the cause of the Institute will appeal so directly to each one of you, and when it will be so easy with united effort, to accomplish so much. Let us, as one man, stand shoulder to shoulder in this matter, and bring it to an issue so promptly and so successfully that it may show not only our devotion to Gen. Walker and to the Institute, but also our ability to stand together in a common cause and to accomplish a common purpose.

"It is not only for the memory of Gen. Walker, not only for the sake of the Institute, not only for the great good which is to be accomplished for generations of students, that I feel that I can address an individual appeal to you, but it is for your own sake as well. Each one of you has received from the Institute of Technology, and the influences that cluster about it, far more than he has ever returned to it. Few men among you have given back what he has received, and you will find that to make this cause your own, to help in this common enterprise according to your ability, is to bring back to yourself an enlarged interest in the Institute itself, a better sense of our common obligations and of our common duties, and best of all, that satisfaction of spirit which comes from doing one's part in a great work."

BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting, which was held prior to the dinner, the leading feature presented was the second annual report of the Walker Memorial Committee. The report was read by Dr. H. W. Tyler, chairman of the committee, and a summary of it is as follows:

The number of subscribers has, during the year, increased from 238 to 525, and the amount subscribed has been doubled, being at present $40,449. The average subscription is between $80 and $90.