it, whereas a two-thirds majority was necessary to pass it. The defeat was undoubtedly due to the fact that the opposition considered they had point winners in this event, so that it is now up to the other teams to beat these four, and thus convince them of their error. However, we gave notice that we would propose the same change next year, and there is very little doubt that it will be adopted then, for bicycle racing is dead as a college sport, and is a great and foolish expense. The other change, in regard to having the points distributed between four places instead of three, was proposed also by a couple of other colleges, and, after some discussion, was adopted unanimously. The large number of colleges represented warranted this amendment, which is equally advantageous to all.

Two weeks ago Institute men had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting and straightforward address by Pres. Lucius Tuttle of the Boston & Maine Railroad. As is customary at these mass meetings in Huntington Hall, before the entrance of the speaker the students amused themselves by singing and whistling scraps of popular songs, and by applauding the various professors as they entered the hall. Now The Tech has nothing at all to say against this form of amusement; it may not be dignified, but it is certainly a whole-hearted expression of good humor and good spirits. Nevertheless, there is a danger that, like other celebrations of a simple and enthusiastic nature, these few minutes of rollicking may become a really pronounced exhibition of student rowdiness. Great care should be taken to keep the fun within bounds. When we get our new song-book, or even before then, for that matter, it might be a good thing for the students to make some concerted attempt at singing a few rousing good songs, which would be just as good fun, and a little more polite than yells and cat-calls.

N. E. I. A. A. Convention.

The Annual Convention of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held Feb. 21, at 11 A.M., in the Copley Square Hotel. Delegates were present from the following colleges of the Association: Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Dartmouth, Maine, M. I. T., Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams. H. S. Baker and T. E. Jewett were the representatives from Tech.

The principal business transacted was the renewal of contract with Mr. Bigelow for holding the annual meet at Worcester Oval this spring, and action on the proposed amendments to the Constitution, and on the application of the University of Vermont for admission to the Association. This application was granted, so that Vermont is now a regular member of the Association. Two amendments were proposed by the M. I. T. Athletic Association; namely, to drop the 2-mile bicycle race from the list of events and to change the counting of points from 5, 3 and 1 for first, second and third places, to 5, 3, 2 and 1 for first, second, third and fourth places. Dropping the bicycle race was opposed by Brown, Wesleyan, Trinity and Maine, on the ground that it was not fair to those who expected to win points in the bicycle race this spring. As a two-thirds vote is required for an amendment to be made, the proposed amendment was lost by a vote of six in favor to four against it.

The proposed change in counting points was unanimously adopted. The M. I. T. Advisory Council proposed an amendment abolishing the hammer-throw. This was defeated, as was expected.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, A. T. Foster, Amherst; vice-president, J. Quint, Williams; secretary, J. T. Maynard, Dartmouth; treasurer, T. E. Jewett, M. I. T.; executive committee, Wilde, Bowdoin; Allen, Brown.