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WIGGLESWORTH FIELD.

The New \$10,000 Athletic Field and Track at Brookline One of the Finest in the Country.

One of the pleasant surprises to Tech men on their return to the Institute this fall, was the new Athletic Field and Track at Brookline. For the past two years, the announcement has been made that Tech would have an Athletic Field in the fall, but the field has never been forthcoming. Even last spring when Coach Mahan informed the track men that they were to have a track of their own this fall, the most enthusiastic were sceptical. Yet within a ten minute ride from the Institute, will be found one of the finest fields in the United States.

Coach Mahan has been superintending the construction of the field during the past summer. With the exception of the turns, the track is a standard quarter-mile one. The width on the turns is 16 feet, or 4 feet wider than the regulation. The straightaway is 135 yards in length, and 20 feet in width. The jumping paths are also wider than the regulation. Coach Mahan says that in his experience he has found the narrowness of the regulation path troublesome to jumpers, so to avoid this defect, he has had the paths at Brookline made $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide for the broad jump, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet for the high. The baseball diamond will be located at the east end of the field, the football field in the centre, and the tennis courts at the west end.

In the construction of the field and track, the ground has been dug down to a depth of 12 inches, and screened through a one-half-inch screen, while on the track, 3 inches of fine cinders have been placed on top of this. The result is that the new track is one of the best constructed in the country. Besides the accuracy of construction, the natural lay of the ground has been all that could be desired. The land is high and dry, and has a natural drainage. The snow will disappear from the new field long before it will from other college fields,

and this will enable our track team to begin work at least three weeks earlier than our opponents.

Another excellent feature of the new field is its accessibility. It is located on Pond avenue, Brookline, less than half a mile from the Huntington avenue, Columbus avenue, and Tremont street car lines. It is about the same distance from the Brookline station of the Boston & Albany Railroad. The landscape round about is most beautiful, nearly the entire field is surrounded by tall shade trees, while the Metropolitan Park System lies along the north and east ends.

The buildings and fence, which are still in the process of construction, have been given by Mr. Wigglesworth, a member of the Corporation, and are to cost about \$3,500. The grand stand, with a seating capacity of 750, will be located on the south side of the field parallel with the straightaway. The dressing-rooms, equipped with all modern conveniences will be under the grand stand. The bleacher stands, seating 600, will be erected along the straightaway just west of the grand stand, while beyond, Coach Mahan plans to have a large square inside the fence for auto stables.

The field is to be dedicated on Field Day, November 12, and is to be named after its generous donor, Wigglesworth Field. The sale of seats will begin about October 15, but as Field Day is one of the important events at Tech, and as the dedication of the new field will render it still more important, it is likely that the seats will be sold at auction. The number of seats is limited, and there will certainly be a great demand for them this year.

To reach Wigglesworth field take any Brookline Village car out Huntington Avenue. Get off at further crossing of Parkway, follow Parkway to the left, toward Jamaica Pond, past the hospital. About five or six minutes walk from car.

Grinds for *Technique 1906* shall be left at Cage, marked for "Grind Editor of *Technique*."

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

One of the most successful events of its kind ever held was the reception to new students at the Union last Friday evening, given by the Tech Christian Association. About two hundred new men turned out, and fully a hundred more undergraduates were present. President Lightner, of the Association first introduced Rev. Mr. Dennison of this city, who spoke earnestly on the work and opportunities presented by the Tech Y. M. C. A. Mr. Coe, editor of *Technique '06*, followed with an appeal to men interested in literary work. Captain Lindsly of the A. A. presented the athletic side of school life in very strong terms. President Pritchett completed the talks with one of his inimitable informal talks. Refreshments were served, and a little singing and sociable conversation brought the evening to a close.

The Fencing Team.

Ten men have already signified their intentions of coming out for the fencing team this year. Gatewood, '05 and Lage, '06, of last year's team are still here, and Henry of Annapolis will also fence this year. Prof. Lucion Fournon of 90 St. Botolph Street has been engaged to coach the team. Those whom desire to take lessons in connection with the team work can do so at very small cost per lesson. If a class of ten men can be formed, the price will be \$5 a month, the class taking three lessons a week. Those desiring further information on the matter should consult the captain at the Cage between one-thirty and two P.M.

Civil Engineering Society Smoker.

The Civil Engineering Society has made arrangements for its first Smoker, which will be held at the Tech Union, on the evening of Friday, October 7. Professor Swain has agreed to be present and to give an informal talk. The subject of this talk will be announced later.

MEETING OF THE CIVIC CLUB.

A special meeting of the Technology Civic Club was held Friday afternoon, September 30, in 22 Rogers, President Mathesius presiding. The president announced that arrangements had been made for a Smoker, which will follow immediately after the regular meeting of Tuesday, October 11, at the Tech Union. A number of men were proposed for membership in the club, and an assessment was voted, after which the club adjourned.

The Civic Club is particularly desirous that all men at all interested in the subject of good government, or in the coming presidential election, attend the Smoker on Tuesday evening. President Pritchett will give an informal talk, while Assemblyman Furber of the Tenth Boston District, and Mr. Lawrence Minot of the American Good Government Club, will likewise make brief addresses.

Cross Country Association.

The manager of the cross country team expects to arrange a meet for this fall. Challenges have already been sent out to Brown, Amherst, Dartmouth and Williams. If a meet with any one of these colleges can be brought about, Tech will undoubtedly be represented by a strong team. The most available date seems to be November 12, and as that is Field Day an attempt will be made to have the race that day with the finish on the athletic grounds.

Students at World's Fair.

Several men availed themselves during this past summer of the opportunity to take charge of Technology's exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. They all seem to have had a good time and say that people were very much interested in the work shown. In the departmental exhibits the architects carried off the palm, but the others were not far behind in attracting attention. Those in attendance were F. M. Chace, '04; Eugene Burton, '05; C. W. Johnston, '05; R. H. Allen, '05; G. B. Jones, '05; J. A. Root, '06; and E. L. Smith, '06.