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We congratulate the Institute Committee on the promptness with which they have started a movement for the establishment of an honorary society at the Institute. As pointed out in THE TECH Sigma Xi is the most advantageous and the Institute Committee has decided it to be the best fitted for our needs. It is purely a scientific society and has chapters in all of the leading scientific schools in both the Eastern and Western States.

The need of such a society has long been felt at the Institute, but the established policy of the faculty not to recognize differences in scholastic merit has made it impossible. If the same custom as that at Sheffield Scientific School could be followed, these difficulties would disappear. The undertaking is a creditable one and has the best wishes of all Tech men for its success.

That the Technology Cross Country team finished fourth in the Annual Intercollegiate run last Friday proves decisively that athletics may well play a part of our college life. Besides our team, all members of the six leading Eastern Universities competed. Cornell, Harvard, and Yale alone

finished ahead of us and it could hardly be expected that the Tech team would defeat these, who have had wide experience before. But Columbia, Princeton, and Pennsylvania finished behind us, so that the defeat is by no means ignominious. The Cross Country Association deserves great credit for its successful efforts to be admitted to the Intercollegiate Association and the team also deserves credit for its excellent showing. With every member of its team back next year Technology may look forward to a still better place in the next annual run.

## Y. M. C. A. SPEAKERS.

The M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. has made arrangements with the following noted persons to address the students at the Thursday noon meetings:

Nov. 30, L. B. Sperry, M.D., Oberlin, O.; Dec. 7, Rev. William T. McElveen, Ph.D., Shawmut Congregational Church; Dec. 14, Rev. Alexander Mann, Trinity Church; Dec. 21, Guy Ham, Asst. U. S. District Attorney; Jan. 4, Fred B. Smith, New York City; Jan. 11, Rev. John Hopkins Denison, Central Congregational Church.

Dr. Sperry, who speaks at the next meeting, is one of the best known lecturers of the country, devoting himself entirely to lecturing to young men. As it is a great privilege to get such a man as Dr. Sperry to speak, every man in Tech should avail himself of the opportunity to hear him.

## INSTRUCTORS' CLUB.

The annual meeting, dinner, and election of officers will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6.30 P.M. at the Tech Union. A full attendance at this meeting is important, as a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee are to be chosen.

After the dinner Mr. H. K. Barrows, '95, of the U. S. Geological Survey, will give an illustrated address on "Some Features of Hydrographic Investigations in New England."

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