Various Plans Proposed to Reduce Number of Bouts in Tournament.

The directors of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association are finding it necessary to come to some agreement whereby the number of bouts at the Intercollegiate tournament can be cut down. Under the present system each university in the association sends three men to compete in the tournament. Each of these men meets every other man. As a result there have been in previous contests over one hundred and fifty bouts to be decided. The addition of Princeton to the association will add over forty bouts to the tournament, making in all over two hundred. This, it is believed, is entirely too many.

In past years it has taken two days to complete the tournament. As a result it has become difficult to obtain amateur judges who are willing to sacrifice the time and energy necessary for the performance of their duties. Besides this the tournament has become wearisome to the spectators, and more so to the men themselves, who have had to fight eighteen bouts in one day.

There have been several solutions proposed to remedy the problem. One of them is to hold a series of elimination bouts, in which each man defeated shall drop out of the contest. This plan has a large number of opponents, who say it is unfair. A high class fencer may lose through accident or lack of form in one bout, and more so to the men themselves, who have to fight eight or more bouts apiece, with the greater part of them in one day. Another solution of the question is to form two leagues from the present association, each to hold its own tournament to decide its champion. Then the winners of the two tournaments shall meet to decide the intercollegiate championship. This is the plan favored by many. Some believe that a logical division would be to form one league of Harvard, Cornell and Columbia, which recently withdrew from the association, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The three withdrawing colleges were later readmitted, upon their own application, to the older organization, but the new league still exists, and will hold a tournament this spring.

SOCIETY OF ARTS TO MEET.

The 619th meeting of the Society of Arts will be held in 22 Walker at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Prof. D. W. Johnson, LL.D., will deliver the lecture on "Causes and Effects of River Capture." The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon slides.

1906 WILL MEET TUFTS.

The Fencing Association will open its season this evening at the Gym with a meet between the Sophomores and Tufts College.

Y. M. C. A. HAS NEW ROOMS.

The Fencing Association will hold Meetings in Parish House of Trinity Church.

Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity Church, has very generously offered the use of the large upper room in the parish house to the Trinitarians for their weekly meetings from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. Thursdays. It is planned to make these meetings fill the needs of the Trinitarian men, and at the same time make still closer and stronger the friendly ties which for many years have connected the parish and the Institute.

Dr. Mann will give an address of welcome to the students in the upper room of the parish house tomorrow at the usual time, 1:30 p.m. The entrance is on the Clarendon Street side. It is expected that some of the local newspaper men, who have to fight eighteen bouts a piece, with the greater part of them in one day.

Harvard-Cornell BOAT RACE.

The Harvard and Cornell varsity crews will race on May 28 on the same nine- and seven-eighth mile course on the Charles River, which was the scene of the contest between these two crews last year. The course is the result of a mutual desire on the part of both Harvard and Cornell to make the dual "varsity" race an annual affair. Cornell proposed that the races be held on opposite days, and then two-mile course on Lake Cayuga, but Harvard claimed the race again this year. The Harvard crew was thus able to make three consecutive years before the "varsity" race last year Harvard sent a second crew to Ithaca, while during that time no Cornell crew rowed on the Charles. In 1907 the race will probably take place on Lake Cayuga.

SHOW ACTIVITIES BEGIN.

"The Freshman," by Bryant, '07, to be Given at the Colonial.

Next week will see the beginning of the spring season preparations, as several candidates and rehearsals of Tech Show. The management has arranged with the ministry that next Monday will hold a meeting at the Tech Union of all those interested in the Show. This year's production is a musical comedy in two acts and an interlude, by George H. Bryant, '07, entitled "The Freshman." A considerable departure has been made from the shows of previous years. Herefore we have presented a typical imaginative and fanciful production but this year we have an essentially modern up-to-date treatment of the college and the college man. All vaudeville features are omitted and the result approaches more nearly a professional production.

The show is a student activity peculiar to Tech, in that no other college has a theatrical production of similar character which is so essentially democratic and representative of the whole institution. All positions, including those on the management, are open to competition and are not filled from any special organization composed of a few men, as is true in most colleges. Neither are the earnings devoted to any object of minor importance, but support to a considerable extent the athletic interests at the Institute. It is under these conditions that we have been enabled to keep up our standard in this line.

The Boston performances will be given this year, instead of at the Hollis Street as in the past, at the Colonial Theatre, which will meet in a better manner the demands of the Show by its more central location and increased seating capacity. These performances are to come on the afternoons of April 26 and 27. In addition to these the management expects to be able to give performances in other cities.

The first meeting of candidates and those interested in the Show will be held at the Union on Monday afternoon, Feb. 12, at 4 o'clock. At that time a general idea of the Show will be given and the men who intend to compete for the various parts will be registered.

YALE STUDENTS INCREASE.

According to the Yale catalogue, just issued the total registration of students in the university this year includes 3,806, an increase of 668 over the final registration last year. This total includes 269 students in the summer school of art groups, 327 in the summer school of forestry, and 434 taking the courses for teachers. In the academical department the total number of students is 1,621, and in the scientific school there are 1,144 students.

FACULTY NOTICES.

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CADENDAR.

Wednesday, February 7.

8.00 p.m. Fencing Meet. 1008 vs. Tufts College, at the Gym.

Thursday, February 8.

1.30 p.m. C. A. Meeting in Parish Hall, Trinity Church.

4.10 p.m. Meeting of the Geological Journal Club in 14 Piers.

8.00 p.m. Prof. D. W. Johnson addresses the Society of Arts in 29 Wall.

8.00 p.m. Fourth of Series of Lowell Institute Lectures on "The Library of the Roman Bible," in Huntington Hall.

8.00 p.m. Chess Match, Technology vs. Jamaica Plain at the Boston Chess Club's rooms.

Friday, February 9.

4.00 p.m. Meeting of the Mandolin Club in 31 Rogers.

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