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Monday, November 19, 1906.

Now that Field Day has become a thing of the past, the lovers of athletic sports will have to turn to indoor work for their Winter recreation. One of the most important phases of this work is the gymnasium class that, beginning this afternoon, will meet at the gym three afternoons a week. The physical training is under the direction of Winfield C. Towne, a Bowdoin man, who has been one of the most popular men at the Institute since coming here three years ago. It is a well-known fact that no person is physically perfect. All of us need some sort of exercise that will tend to bring our physical being closer to perfection. Work of this kind is advantageous not only physically but also mentally. Relaxation from the constant strain of study is something that everyone needs, and physical exercise brings about this relaxation as nothing else will.

Indoor track work, basketball, fencing, and hockey are also excellent forms of physical exercise. The prospects for good fencing and basketball teams are excellent indeed, although more men are needed. The hockey team is in the usual trouble of not having a rink. Two places, the Field and the lot behind the gym, are being discussed as possibilities, if the team can get the necessary money. Men are as prime requisites as anything else, however, and the large number of vacancies on all the teams should encourage more men to come out.

The victory of the Sophomore Class on last Saturday, was clean and decisive, yet the Freshmen have every reason to be proud of the showing made by their teams. For the past four years the second year men have won, so

that by now it is a half established tradition that the honor will fall to them, mainly through their experience gained in the first contest. Though some of the events seemed to have been won by the bad luck of one team rather than the good performance of the other, yet in the long run, chance favored each class about equally. Particularly noticeable was the amount of interest shown by the members of the two upper class men in their proteges, and this added materially to the general enthusiasm. The sopomores and freshmen who were on none of their teams, responded well to the call for men for the rush on the night before Field Day, but the weather prevented frequent encounters, and attempts to hang banners. These efforts were rewarded, and honors were about even in this respect, as both 1909 and 1910 banners were in evidence, hung high on near by trees. The management deserves special credit for the dispatch and smoothness with which the events were run off. This added to the occasion materially and kept both the members of the participating classes and the impartial spectators on their feet all of the time.

The outcome of the football game emphasized the inability of one to foretell the victor. Both teams showed surprising strength and ability to play a hard and at the same time clean game. From start to finish the play was such as to call forth the cheers of the crowd repeatedly. The shifting of the ball from one end of the field to the other together with the inability of either team to gain consistently kept every one keyed up to a high pitch in anticipation of some spectacular run or trick play which would decide the day, but which did not materialize. This with the closely contested relay race and the uncertainty of the tug-of-war made Field Day 1906 a complete success.

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