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men who are coming out at all should come out early while the work is easy and gradually prepare themselves for the harder work later on.

Three Tech men took part in a 7 1-2 mile "Marathon" race at Providence Monday. They were B. C. Huber 1910, V. V. Ballard 1912, and J. N. Stephenson 1909. There were 140 starters and 125 finished. The course was from Greystone to the store of the Outlet Co. on Weybosset St. The roads were lined with good natured spectators and the last quarter mile was so congested that the runners had to fight their way through the crowd. Stephenson finished eleventh but Ballard and Huber were unable to find out where they finished as the crowd became unmanageable and the judges could not take any record after the first fifteen got in.

## FACULTY COMMITTEES

Standing Committees of Faculty Make Interesting Report

Among the most interesting of the reports of the Standing Committees of the Faculty, is that of the committee upon courses of study. This report includes an outline of the committee's general policy. The points considered in dealing with the course schemes are:— Distribution of time among general, scientific and professional subjects, with special emphasis against the overspecialization of subject matter; the general practicability from the standpoint of time required in exercise and preparation; subdivision of time. In the latter respect the committee maintains among other things that except in the case of laboratory, drawing room, or field work, time should always be allotted for preparation.

The principal changes with which the committee has dealt are:—an important revision of the course in electrical engineering, diminishing the work in modern languages, introducing applied mechanics in the second year, and increasing elective possibilities in the fourth year; the adding of a new option, steam turbine engineering in the fourth year of the mechanical engineering course, and the introduction of required physical training in the first year.

The committee on summer courses recorded a registration of 269 students as compared with 283 in 1907. The maximum number attending any one course was 48, the minimum, 4. Of the total number about 62 per cent of the students were anticipating work of the next year, and the remaining 38 per cent were repeating. About 60 per cent were taking courses consisting principally of laboratory, drawing room or field work.

Thirty-four applications for financial aid were made to the committee on advanced degrees and fellowships by students desiring to pursue graduate work during the year 1908-09. Of these 22 were institute students, and 12 were graduates of other colleges. The committee recommended 22, 14 of the former, and 8 of the latter class, 3 of these latter being subsequently declined. Eleven of the 22 applicants were candidates for the master of science degree, nine were prospective candidates for the degree of Ph.D. and two were taking advanced study without reference to a degree.

The report of the committee on undergraduate scholarships shows an increase of 20 over last year's figures in the number of students assisted. There are this year 176 students to whom the institute has made grants. In addition to this the state has assisted 68 students, 40 of whom were not aided by any institute grant.

The publications issued were:—11,500 catalogues, 6,500 president's reports, 2,500 bulletins on advanced study and research, 4,000 bulletins on summer courses, 4,000 registers of graduates, and 4,000 programs.

The most important work of the committee on the library during the past year has been the preparation of a subject catalogue, for the engineering library which contains all the books of civil, mechanical, and sanitary engineering departments. Provision was also made to publish articles of the character which the Technology quarterly contained before its discontinuance in 1908. The available appropriation for periodicals during the present year was \$2100 which was apportioned in the usual manner between the 13 institute libraries.

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