

## BUSINESS AND COLLEGE

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Following a luncheon at the Vendome given by the Institute Corporation at one o'clock, the conference will resume in private session, in order that the speakers will feel free to discuss at their ease the more extended use of the intellectual and material resources of the various colleges and the training men and women who cannot matriculate in the usual manner.

In regard to the relation of the college and the community, President Lowell of Harvard who will be one of the most prominent speakers has said: "A university to be of any great value must grow out of the community in which it lives and must be in absolute touch with the community, doing all the good it can and doing what the community needs. Any institution which is not in absolutely close touch with the community about it which attempts to be exotic, which attempts to live in the air without contact with the ground, is doomed to wither and die."

We have a number of educational institutions in and about Boston. Those educational institutions are all endeavoring to reach their hands out to try and do something for the community in which they live. But as yet there is practically no co-operation among them. That is the next thing we must bring about. At present we are duplicating one another's work. With co-operation there is no reason why we could not be, so far as instruction is concerned, a model community."

The delegates are President A. Lawrence Lowell, Harvard University; Dr. Richard C. Maclaurin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; President L. B. R. Briggs, Radcliffe College; the Rev. F. W. Hamilton, Tufts College; President Harry A. Garfield, Williams College; President George Harris, Amherst College; Dr. K. L. Butterfield, Amherst Agricultural College; President G. Stanley Hall, Clark University; Dr. E. A. Engler, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Dr. L. Clarke Seelye, Smith College; Dr. Henry Lefavour, Simmons College; the Rev. T. E. Gasson, S. J., Boston College; Dr. W. E. Huntington, Boston University; the Rev. Thomas B. Murphy, S. J., Holy Cross College; Dr. Edmund C. Sanford, Clark College; Miss Mary E. Woolley, Mt. Holyoke College, and Miss Caroline Hazard, Wellesley College.

## FITZGERALD ELECTED

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vote in Ward 11 with the results in the straw ballot as received by The Tech yesterday. In this ballot Fitzgerald received but four votes, while Storrow led with a total vote of 30. Ward 11, where the Institute buildings are located, and in which most of the fellows live, delivered 2,856 votes for Storrow, and 621 for Fitzgerald—a ratio of approximately 5 to 1, while the straw ballot declared for Storrow is a ratio of 15-2. This shows that the Institute body is closely in sympathy—even politically—with its surroundings. Taylor received four votes and Hibbard one vote in The Tech's straw ballot, making a total of 39 votes cast.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS.

The Prom Committee at Yale has passed a resolution that no flowers be worn at the festivities of Prom. week. This includes the Prom. play, Sunday Chapel, the junior and sophomore teas, the Musical Club's concert, the senior, junior, and sophomore Germans, and the Prom. itself.

A dramatic society has been formed at the Stevens Institute of Technology.

## COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

### Columbia, Harvard, Chicago And Michigan Pass 5,000 Mark

There has been a general increase in the enrollment of institutions of learning throughout the United States during the past year. However, the belief that the Western colleges and universities have been growing faster than those in the East is disproven by a glance at the tables.

All of the universities, with the exception of Iowa, Minnesota, New York University, show an increase when compared with figures of 1908.

Columbia, Chicago, Wisconsin, California, Cornell, Ohio, Pennsylvania each show an increase of over three hundred students—Columbia being the only one, however, to top the four hundred mark. Last year there were eight institutions which showed an increase of over a hundred over the previous year. This shows that development was very rapid during 1907-1908.

Not including the summer session the largest gains have been made by Pennsylvania, Cornell, Wisconsin, California, Ohio and Nebraska, each having an increase of over two hundred.

Comparing the grand totals of last year with those of 1902 we find the most noteworthy gains have been registered during this period by Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell, Illinois, New York University, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Syracuse, Chicago and Missouri, all of these institutions showing an increase of more than one thousand students.

It will be observed that these institutions are evenly divided between the East and the West, but the first three are in the East.

For the second time in the history of American higher institutions the six thousand mark has been passed. Columbia claims that 6,300 students will be enrolled before the close of the year; Harvard had an attendance of 6,013 in 1903, but has never attained that figure since. Chicago and Michigan have already passed the 5,000 mark, but have no immediate prospects of reaching 6,000.

Harvard still leads in the number of male academic students, followed in order by Yale, Princeton, Michigan, Chicago, Wisconsin, Columbia and Minnesota. Including undergraduate women the order would be Harvard, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Chicago, Syracuse, Yale, Columbia, Kansas and Iowa, all having an attendance of 1,000.

A general depression in the engineering schools is noticeable, Stanford being the only one to show a marked gain. Several of the more prominent schools show no marked difference, but most of them show a loss. Technology shows an increase for 1909 over 1908, but a decided loss over 1904. Five years ago 1561 students were in attendance, while last year there were 1480 and 1462 in 1908.

Most of the mechanical schools show an increase, as do the New England colleges for women, while the number of students in the law schools remains about the same.

The Harvard Club of this city is carrying on an active campaign with the view of securing a better place for the distribution of tickets for the Yale-Harvard football game. A sub-committee which has been investigating remedies has made the following suggestions, which may go into effect this coming fall: reduce the number of specially awarded seats, abolish H. A. A. tickets, limit freshmen and sophomores to one seat, class university officers with the graduates, and give graduates a better chance.

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