SEVERAL OPENINGS ON SWIMMING TEAM

Few Men Out for Longer Races or for the Plunges for Distance.

-During the last week the candidates for the swimming team have been practicing regularly at the tank on Washington street. Very few of the men have taken advantage of this early start, an all-important one, for the elimination trials are less than a month away.

The new men have taken a good grasp on the rudiments and have acquired a knowledge of the stroke which puts them well on the way to the coming tryouts. Those of last year's team have reported quite generally with the exception of one or two members and will be in good condition to make competition for the eliminations exciting and interesting.

The list and ranking of the men who have reported shows clearly that the shortest distance, the fifty-yard dash, has appealed to the most; doubtless due to the fact that five men are needed for this distance, four for the relay and one for the dash. Another noticeable fact is that the other dashes, the hundred and the twenty-two, are without competition, one man alone in each case having entered. In the long distance plunges the field is wide open with a fine opportunity for any man who has plunged before or for a man that has a medium amount of weight.

Regular practice is held twice a week at the Salvation Army tank, corner of West Brookline and Washington streets. Men trying for the team will perhaps find benefit by going more often.

ASBESTOS BOARD.

Prof. Norton's Lecture Will Be Repeated for Chemicals.

Professor Norton's lecture on "Refractory Substitutes for Wood" was listened to with much interest last Tuesday evening by members of the A. M. E. and other important societies in Chipman hall. Many of the Mechanics of the Institute also attended and reported it highly interesting. He spoke mostly on asbestos boards, a product in which he is most interested. A large number were in attendance, and in the general discussion following complimented him on the able way in which the subject was treated.

The Chemical Society has secured Professor Norton to speak at their meeting next Tuesday evening, and the opportunity will then be open for more Tech men to learn of the details of the uses and value of this board.

FRESHMAN BALLOT.

The ballots for the Freshman class elections are now ready and can be obtained at the Cage. The polls will close on Thursday, November 22, at 3 P.M. instead of next Tuesday, as was formerly announced. The following officers are to be voted for: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Clerk, Treasurer, two members for the Executive Committee, and two representatives for both the Institute Committee and the Athletic Association.

No ballot will be counted unless signed and the voter has paid his dues. Dues can be paid to Acting Treasurer, Dalton, or can be paid in the envelope with the ballot. The ballot is well filled and a close election is expected.

We understand that Professor Norton is not only a Greek, but a historian.

We observe by the bulletin in the Union that Professor Norton gave an address on "Asbestos Board," platform, must be of fire-proof construction.