T. C. A. IN STIRRING CONFERENCE AT BROWN

Will Apply New Ideas in Practice and Be More Vigorous in Activities.

G. W. Duncan, '92, chairman of the Bantam Committee, H. E. Keys, '92, Secretary, C. R. Kahn, '93, and R. L. Talbot, General Secretary, represented the Technology Christian Association at the conference on Associations work held at Brown University Saturday and Sunday. The general subject was the economics of Religious Education and Activities and of Protestant Student Associations.

A number of excellent addressed were made at the conference and many practical suggestions were made which the T. C. A. will endeavor to apply in its work. Among the suggestions which prevail here it is impossible to carry out some lines of work exactly as in some other institutions, but the T. C. A. is determined to push their classes much more vigorously next semester and hopes to be able to report at the close of the year a much larger number of men engaged in this work than ever before. The secretary will be glad to receive from any source suggestions as to topics for next term's discussions. He will also be happy to confer with any man in regard to the formation of new classes, either at the Institute, in rooming houses, or in fraternity houses. Now men will welcome the classes now meeting as follows: At 1, 30, Friday, in the T. C. A. office; at 6:30, Friday, in No. 46 Rutland square; at 7:00, Thursday, in No. 60, North Street; and at 6, 45, Friday, at No. 62, Union avenue, led by Mr. D. A. Pulver. These are in addition to the regular classes and the class for Chinese students, which begins this week.

Many colleges send out teams of men for three or four days at a time to make religious work; they go into the country towns and give entertainments at religious meetings and hold conferences with men of the town. This work is impossible for T. C. A. men, but in addition to work as leaders in boys' clubs, in which a large number are already engaged, the following lines of work seem feasible: Entertainments at boys' clubs, settlements, Y. M. C. A.'s, etc.; educational talks, such as have been given by several T. C. A. men, Sunday afternoons or evening talks of a religious nature to boys. The T. C. A. wants to know now of any men who are willing to take part in any of these lines of work or interested in the T. C. A. and to know of any men who are already engaged in any similar work; men who are doing such work under other auspices will not be urged to undertake any additional duties. Such work includes teaching in Sunday school classes, active work as counselors or in the Juvenile, Technical, Student, Church, Church societies, Christian Endeavor, etc., which is of course necessary, intellectual work, investigation of social conditions in town or city, and many other types of work. The T. C. A. wants to make its statistics complete and asks men to communicate with him.

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CHESS WITH HARVARD.

Six Members of Club Played Harvard Team Last Night.

The chess team of the Institute, composed of six men of the Chess Club, poured their abilities into a tourney advertised that night to play a large number of chess devotees from the college across the street. This was the opening of official games to be played with the Harvard Chess Club this semester, and was not an intercollegiate contest.

The tournament recently organized by the Chess Club is progressing steadily. Most of the matches in the first round have been played, and all must be completed by Saturday. The pairings for the second round are not yet complete, but will be announced soon. S. W. Merrill, the treasurer of the club, is receiving dues.

GRADUATES IN 1882.

The following was taken from THE TECH of May 3, 1882. It is a list of the graduates from the founding of the Institute to the above date by courses:

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NEW PENSION BUDGET.

Appropriations of nearly $200,000, of which $100,000 is for pensions to veterans of Army and Navy, will be necessary at short session of Congress that opened last week. The unusual sum, exceeding all appropriations of former years, will be necessary to make up a deficit of nearly $20,000,000 resulting from the increase of pensions under the Sherwood law last session, and the disproportionate increase of the general pension budget occasioned by this act.

The regular pension bill probably will carry about $125,000,000. This is itself will be a record-breaking total as the Sherwood law materially increased many pensions.

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