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and beating out several of the men who had led him the week before.

Last Thursday he went into the X. T. T. ten-mile championships and won third place despite the fact that the officials gave wrong directions as to the course, which delayed the first men about three minutes. Saturday he ran in the M. I. T. Handicap Cross-Country Race, but lost his way. Had it not been for this, he undoubtedly would have won the time prize, and the record might have been broken.

Now that the leader of next year's team has been chosen, it seems to be fitting that a short glance be given at the prospects of M. I. T. for the coming cross-country season. Of those who ran at New York last month, four will be back next September. This year's Captain, A. F. Nye '14, will come to the Institute for his 4th year, but he will still be eligible for Intercollegiate competition, as he did not represent M. I. T. in his Freshman year. Always a consistent runner, this year Nye showed a marked improvement, which places him among the first cross-country men of the college ranks.

M. S. Benson '16, last year's star, who is still running a sterling race, despite his seeming slump, will also be back. Benson has really not slowed down. His times this year have been decidedly better than those of last year's work. The seeming difference has been due to the wonder improvement on the part of the rest of the team. With the competition from the other members of the squad, Benson should be considerably faster by next October.

C. F. Guethling '16 is the man who has shown the greatest change for the better. Fast on the track, he has always lacked the stamina for the grueling of a hilly course. Discouraged by the mediocre showing of the beginning of the season, he was on the verge of dropping the long work. Coach Kiley still hopes and prevailed on Guethling to stick. Field Day's race changed him. At both of the Intercollegiate races he showed both speed and endurance. With this record to back him, after another season of track work, and then the regular cross-country work next fall, Guethling should find no difficulty in making the team despite the probable improvement of the other men.

F. J. Wall, who is out of the Institute for a term, will be back in January. Wall developed wonderfully last year and showed possibilities for 1913 season surpassing his already enviable record. Last fall, Wall showed a consistent ability, and ran second on our team in both big races. Given another season of track practice, having plenty of endurance, he should come across the ground in record time.

Of the men who failed to make the team, there are several whose records are good and who may be expected to improve considerably next fall. L. E. Best '15 and M. G. Graff '16 were both possibilities for the team until foot trouble handicapped them. Best's performance in the B. A. A. run shows that much more can be expected of him. Last Saturday, he covered the Wardwell course in very fair time, considering the weather. A year of track work should bring him through although he is not a reliable enough man to rely on at present. Graff ran in fast time at the beginning of the season, and then had to slow down. Whether this was entirely due to his foot or not is a question. With him too, another year of experience should make him of considerable worth. There are several freshmen who have shown up well this year. J. J. Donnelly ran best on the Freshman team at Andover, he sides running ninth on the Varsity Team against Holy Cross. A good half miler, there is every reason to expect a better showing next season. M. C. Brock and A. C. Litchfield are the men who are watching, and they also showing possibilities and must be watched.

From the above survey of the men who have already been out for the work, without counting on any new men, the chances for an exceptionally strong team next season seem to be unusually bright. All the men have expressed their intentions of sticking to their work, and with the same display of spirit that characterized this season's training, we should have the best cross-country team in years.

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