

The Field Day Dinner.

The annual dinner given by the Advisory Council to the participants in Field Day was held at the Union on Dec. 1, one hundred and sixteen plates being laid. Besides the teams of both classes, the judges and the marshals, Dr. Pritchett, Dean Burton, Mr. Rand, the Advisory Council, Mr. Bullard, and others interested in Tech work were present to help make the evening joyful. During the dinner Chairman Briggs introduced Mr. Bullard, who started a course of instruction in the Songbook, which he continued at intervals throughout the whole evening. Mr. Bullard urged the faster singing of the songs, and also that the men adopt certain of them as special favorites, about which customs would grow up.

Dr. Pritchett gave an outline of his observations at Charlottenburg and later told of the German "Kommers" system. He referred to the dinner as a type of the present Tech affair, which, he said, cannot be duplicated in America.

Dean Burton's speech was limited by the effects of a bad cold, but before his voice became exhausted he managed to advocate the introduction of a sack race or some other fun-making feature into Field Day.

Mr. Rand said he had but one speech, and that was "Pay! Pay! Pay!" but his dryly funny talk ended up with a story which seemed to tickle his audience, and to make them wish that he had aired the large stock with which Mr. Briggs credited him.

The loving cup was passed around, and the prominent men received ovations as they gave their names and classes. Dr. Pritchett laid claim to the Class of 1904, and Coach Mahan said he was from 1905, both of which statements called for unlimited cheers. The Sophomores started the noise with a ringing 1906 yell, followed later by the Freshmen, the Juniors and the Seniors.

Chairman Briggs spoke on the history of our athletics, of how football had become too much of a business for the Institute, and of the failure of the students to lend support to baseball. Therefore, he said, track athletics are the only ones open for us, and we have shown what we can do in them. With our cross country team, which has just won from Amherst, with the men from the two relay teams, with the old men and such new ones as may come out, our track team should show up well in the spring meets. On May 7 we are to meet Dartmouth in Boston, on the 14th the team will go out to Amherst, and on the 21st the Worcester meet will be held. Last year the track squad started in with a hundred men, this year that number ought to be doubled.

Basket Ball Team.

For the last four weeks the candidates for the Basket Ball Team have been practicing faithfully at the Gym. This year has witnessed a marked change in basket ball at Tech. Heretofore seven or eight men have come out every year for the team. This year at least twenty-five have appeared at every practice, and Coach Mahan and Captain Schonthal both feel confident that from the material available a very fast team will be developed. Up to the present, practice has been held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, but since indoor work for the track team has begun, practices are held on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 and Saturday afternoons at 2 P.M.

At present the make-up of the team is as follows: Forwards, Blake and Mathison; centre, Moffat or Burleigh; guards, Ager and Schonthal (captain). This make-up, however, is still subject to change. Competition for the different places is very keen, and consequently no man is absolutely certain of holding his position.