

able rooms. Through the year, thoroughly logical courses in Bible study are carried on, the real value of which is unquestionable. The Association conducts a weekly meeting of a devotional character, where men who care to talk intimately on religious topics may get together. A new feature of the work this year is a monthly meeting, where all students can come together and hear reports of the work and talks pertaining to student interests. The relation of a technical man to world-wide religious enterprises is presented through the year in suitable ways. The Association also has a deep interest in the Tech House and co-operates in its social work.

These statements are intended to drive away any misconception that may exist as to the aim and work of the Tech Christian Association. It is, and may be more largely a means of making the Tech man more efficient. There are propositions at Tech that can never be solved except by a band of men such as this, call it Christian Association or what you may. It is no tradition that a few men feel should be kept up. On the other hand, it has a real work to do and a real need to fill. Its work is already known to be efficient, but there are yet fields of usefulness that have never been touched.

Along with a call for a stronger fraternity, and a broader-mindedness in the awakening of the new Tech spirit, comes an urgent call upon the great body of men, who on honest thought can see the far-reaching possibilities of an enlarged Association, for its hearty support. Properly supported by the men on whom the responsibility should reasonably fall, the Christian Association at Tech has unlimited capacity for working for all that is best in our college life.

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Tech Athletics.

Athletic sports at Tech were instituted about 1875, when a football team was organized and track athletics were taken up. Football, a quarter of a century ago, was played very differently than at present. A man either played on the rush line or played back, and the nomenclature of the different positions was hardly known. The various intricate plays existing to-day were not even thought of at that time and the consequence was that the mem-

bers of a team found sufficient time for practice and showed a fair record when they went into a contest.

To-day the conditions governing the game are such that it is almost impossible for any team to make a successful showing during the season unless the men comprising the team give up at least two or three hours a day from the latter part of September, through October and November.

When the Advisory Council was organized, about six years ago, the matter of continuing a 'Stute football team was the most serious question, and after three or four years it was decided to discontinue the same and concentrate the athletic interest on the track.

During the last few years basket ball has become prominent as an indoor winter sport and hockey is also growing in interest. The Advisory Council believe that these two sports should be fostered, and if good results are shown, that they can be made more prominent in the future.

In lawn tennis, the Institute made a good showing last spring, and this and golf being interests which can be concentrated on very few men as regards the competition with other colleges, those in charge of athletic interests feel that they should also receive recognition.

It is but fair to state, however, that, both from a moral and financial standpoint, those interested in athletics both within and without the Institute receive no encouragement from the Faculty as a whole. To be sure, individual members of the Faculty may favor the course laid down by the Advisory Council, but this is wholly individual, and cannot be construed as meaning that athletics are favored by the Faculty.

Now, training for the track team or for the basket ball team does not take a man away from his studies or from the work of the Institute to any such degree as football or baseball, and the day will surely come when this will be made apparent to all. Last year, for instance, there were fully seventy-five candidates for the track team, from whom about twenty-five to thirty were finally selected. The record made last year was certainly encouraging, and a great surprise to the other members of the N. E. I. A. A., who had the past records of Tech in mind.

Further than this, the advice and training of a competent director of athletics, such as we have had