

for the past two years, showed conclusively in the number of Tech records which were broken, as well as in the results of an evenly balanced athletic team, such as we sent to Hanover and Worcester.

The outlook for the present year is very encouraging, although of the team of last year, athletes who won about half the number of points at Dartmouth, are not at the Institute this year. On the other hand, we have some men who were ineligible last year to compete on account of the "one-year rule," who will surely take the places of some of those who are missing, and, further, since the track at the Tech Oval will be in very much better condition than last year, the results should show in the training of the team.

Negotiations are practically consummated with Dartmouth for a Dual Meet at Boston on May 7, and there is a strong probability that a Dual Meet will be held at Amherst on May 14. The games of the Intercollegiate Association at Worcester will be held on May 21, and there is no doubt but that Tech will make a good showing next spring. Tech will also put in a relay team at the B. A. A. Games, to be held in February at Mechanics Hall, and there will also be a great many individual entries in the games.

Primarily track athletics give the best possible exercise for the minimum amount of work, of any branch which a young man can take up. The training table, under the supervision of the director of athletics, gives a chance for the team to come together daily and interchange suggestions and views, and further, there must be considered this beneficial point, that to many men there is an opportunity thus afforded to learn how to eat and what to eat, in order to keep in good physical condition, which is essential in track athletics.

Athletics at the Institute have surely won the right to receive the proper, adequate support of the student body. The financial end is at present supported wholly from the results of Technology Field Day and from the Tech Show. The students, however, in a general way should give their teams a moral support, not only in track athletics, but in basket ball, hockey, and any other branch which is supported by the Advisory Council, and this can be most easily done by the attendance at the games in Boston in which Tech puts a team.

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Athletic Conditions at Tech.

The marked success of track athletics at the Institute during the past two and a half years is largely due to the application of the students to the conditions which surround them.

It is true, that the athletic conditions at Tech are humble and limited when compared with the conditions of many other New England colleges, but still, there are many good features of our conditions which we should thoroughly appreciate and use to the best advantage.

The gymnasium has ample room, and is well equipped for indoor athletics. In fact, the gymnasium, although rough and ancient, is still very modern for the very reason that it affords such splendid opportunities for indoor games and athletics. Such indoor exercises, as running, jumping, hurdling, vaulting, basket ball, floor ball, straddle ball, rope jumping, etc., are advocated by the leading exponents of physical culture as a much better and higher type of physical exercise than the older methods of uninteresting drill and apparatus stunts, which are only artificial and contain very little of the spirit and natural exercise of general athletics and games. Thus, we are really favored, instead of handicapped in our gymnasium, and if we continue to apply ourselves to these conditions we are bound to reap good results in the future.

One other advantage for general athletic exercise has recently been added to our facilities, and this is the new athletic field on Irvington Street, which will be in first-class condition in the spring for running, jumping, vaulting, hurdling, etc. What this field lacks in size is well made up in convenience, and affords splendid opportunities for all those wishing out-of-door exercise in the spring and autumn; and so, after careful reflections on our athletic conditions, we must admit that we are very well off, considering the fact that we are in the heart of a great city, and in order to obtain good results from these conditions, we must apply ourselves to them, first, for the general good for which common sense exercise has in relation to a great educational institution; second, with this object first and always in view, that we are sure to obtain a good healthy foundation from which track athletics are sure to be successful.

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