

The Track Team.

Last May, with only one Senior on the Track Team, the outlook for this year was very promising, especially, as the team was one which did not depend for its points upon the work of any one star member, but rather on the general good work of the entire team.

In the fall, however, the outlook was not so promising, for of the twenty-two men composing last year's winning team, eight failed to come back. Perhaps mention of some of these will serve to show to what extent the team has been crippled. Franklin, '03, who won first place in the 220-yard dash, and second in the 100-yard and broad jump against Dartmouth, and who broke Tech's record in the 100-yard at Worcester; Riley, '05, holder of Tech's record in the 2-mile run, and who scored the 2-mile at Worcester; Ovington, '04, who won points in the Dartmouth Meet, and won first in the high and low hurdles against Dartmouth, breaking Tech's record in the former, and also scoring at Worcester; Morrill, '05, holder of Tech's record in the discus throw, and who won that event in the Dartmouth Meet, as well as second in the shot-put; Jenkins, '04, winner of the mile run at Worcester; J. W. Williams, '06, winner of firsts in the 40-yard novice and 40-yard handicap at the B. A. A.; Eastham, '05, winner of the bicycle race against Dartmouth, and Mackie, '05, who was second in the pole vault against Dartmouth.

These vacancies have got to be filled mainly from the lower classes. The Fall Meet was very encouraging, as there were 106 different men entered. The winning of the cross country race against Amherst also shows that we have some good distance men in the field. There will be plenty of opportunities for men to win their "Ts" this year. They are, in brief, the relay race at the B. A. A., a possible meet with Brown, April 30, the Meet vs. Dartmouth, May 7, Amherst Meet, May 14, and the Worcester Meet, May 21.

Within the last three years ten of the present fourteen records of the M. I. T. A. A. have been made. This good work should be continued. The Winter Meet coming on Jan. 7 will be a good opportunity to get a start, and every man intending to try for the varsity team should enter.

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The Cross Country Association.

The Cross Country Association has grown from a Hare and Hounds Club, which was founded in the fall of 1896. The initiative for this organization came from V. R. Lansingh, '98, who had been a member of a similar club at a Western college. The purpose of the Club was to hold hare and hounds runs for pleasure and exercise. For five years the Club continued in this work with varying fortunes, holding eight or ten runs each season and usually one handicap cross country race.

The Club started with about twenty men as an average attendance; the organization was very informal, and many good times were enjoyed. Among the early events was the run when the hounds lost their way in crossing the campus of Lasell, not getting home until far into the evening; this run, of eleven miles, is the record for distance. The best attended run for several years was held with several inches of snow on the ground, the runners crossing the campus of Wellesley College twenty-eight strong, and then across Lake Waban on the ice.

Lansingh, '98, was the first captain, followed the next season by H. L. Morse, '99. G. C. Winslow, Jr., '99, and J. H. Batcheller, '00, served the Club as managers in its first two seasons. For the season of 1898-9 Suter, '00, was captain, and Emery, '00, was manager, and the following year Stockman, '01, and Hunter, '02, were the officers. This year saw a low point in the annals of the Club, for the original members had graduated, and few new men had taken their places. Few of the runs that season had over eight or nine men out.

The next year saw a rapid growth. Hunter, who was re-elected as manager, and Pember, '02, who followed Stockman as captain, were successful in getting out new men, and a number of 1904 men, then Freshmen, who started that season, are still leaders in the Association.

The fall of 1901 saw a further advance in numbers and interest. Several runs were held on which there were over forty hounds. Considering that the Club was handicapped by having to go some distance into the suburbs to hold their runs, this record is remarkably good when compared with runs held at other colleges.

At this time the Club entered on a more ambitious policy, that of starting a cross country team.