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An interesting extract from a communication which was recently received by Mr. Humphreys from Alfred T. Waite in response to an inquiry in regard to the original Technology colors.

At a meeting of the Class of '79, held early in 1876, the question of a college color came up and a committee was appointed to consider the matter. All the single colors having been adopted by other colleges, the committee turned to combinations of shades. Each member submitted one or more and these were passed upon by the whole committee.

The chairman's combination of cardinal red and silver gray was selected. The class voted to accept the committee's choice and to ask the other classes to adopt cardinal and silver gray as the Institute colors, and although this was a move on the part of the first year men, the upper classes acquiesced. The colors were first used at the prize drill in May, 1876, when the battalion guidons were made of red and gray silk.

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