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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Special Meeting Held Last Night to Discuss the Proposed Alliance with Harvard.

About eight hundred Alumni and friends of Technology gathered in Huntington Hall last night to listen to a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed alliance with Harvard University. The speakers were: President Pritchett, John R. Freeman, Col. T. L. Livermore, E. S. Draper, Dean Burton and James P. Monroe.

President Pritchett was introduced as the first speaker by Col. Locke. The President spoke of the work of the Committee in preparing a tentative plan for alliance, stating that it was the intention of the Committee to frame a plan which would give practically a free field for technical education. In presenting the scheme it was found that there were three objections to be met: First, the present standard would be lowered by combination. The fact is, that the standard would be eventually lowered by competition rather than by combination. "Nothing could make our faculty lower its high standard except a ruinous competition." He went on to say to those who believed that the alliance would prove dangerous to the Technology spirit, that spirit was largely a matter of point of view, and that it would be well to look upon the alliance from all sides. For those who were suspicious of the idea, clear thinking was the only solution.

Mr. J. R. Freeman, the second speaker, said that his opposition to the plan several years ago had changed to an approval. The plan was not a merger but an alliance. It would give a greater opportunity for scientific research. The alliance would provide a means for avoiding the deficit which has been increasing each year.

The affair was next viewed financially by Colonel Thomas L. Livermore. In reply to the arguments brought by the previous speaker concerning the increasing yearly deficit, he cited the fact that the Institute, which at its inception was practically without money, has at the present time several million dollars' worth of property, besides being the recipient of gifts aggregating in total nearly as much as those of the Lawrence Scientific School, including the McKay bequest. The present cost to the Institute of educating each student is three hundred and ten dollars per year. The reason for the present large deficit is that so many men entered two years ago.

Mr. E. S. Draper argued that the independence of the Institute will be maintained. The government will be the same, with the exception of three members from the Harvard Corporation. Degrees will be conferred as they are now—by the Institute Faculty. The new site and new buildings will belong to the Institute.

Dean Burton said that there would result a closer union than the one outlined in the agreement, as it is possible for more than three Harvard men to be on the Executive Committee. Technology will become a graduate professional school of Harvard. The people of the community will then lose their present choice of a straight technical course or three years academic and two years of scientific study. The first is adapted to one man and the second to another.

Mr. J. P. Munroe, '82, argued that the expense of taking in the students of the Lawrence Scientific School would be greater than the income from the McKay fund. The Institute is poor like all other colleges, but it is not poverty-stricken. It has been getting bequests of \$250,000 annually for the past ten years. He read a letter in which a Harvard man stated that all Harvard Alumni are opposed to the alliance.

CONSOLATION GAMES.

Yesterday afternoon about twenty-five men competed in the consolation games given at the Technology Field. The meet was held principally to give the raw material some chance to show its worth and to encourage new men to try for the team.

The track was in fine condition and the weather excellent. The events were run off in good order and much interest was manifested in the results.

The Freshmen were conspicuous in the events, winning four of the first places. H. J. Ruggles, '08, was first in the quarter mile, M. D. HERSHEY, '08, in the mile, C. A. Edmunds, '08, in the broad jump, and F. J. Friedman, '08, in the discus throw. The other first places were won by M. J. Gibbons, '08, in the 100 and 220-yard dashes; C. R. Prichard, '05, in the one-half-mile run, and Adams, '06, in the two-mile run. The prizes were for first place in each event, and consisted of ash trays, match boxes and cigarette holders.

OHIO CLUB.

The Ohio Club will hold its final dinner for this year at Tech Union on Tuesday, May 9, at 6 o'clock. Every member who has not yet done so should notify the secretary of his intention of attending the affair.

1905 CLASS MEETING.

An Assessment of Five Dollars Per Capita for Class Day is Voted.

A meeting of the Senior Class was held in Huntington Hall, Wednesday noon, to discuss Class Day matters. An assessment of five dollars per man was voted, to pay for Class Day expenses. Marcy announced that the Committee had voted to give every man four tickets. These tickets will be ready about two weeks before Class Day, and they will be delivered on payment of the five dollar assessment. As usual, there will be no caps and gowns this year. Marcy also outlined the probable program of the Commencement week.

TECH SHOW DINNER.

The Annual Dinner given by the Management of the Tech Show to the participants, will be at the Tech Union, tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 6.30. Invitations were sent out yesterday (Thursday), and a large and enthusiastic crowd is expected. Among the guests will be President Pritchett, Dean Burton, and Mr. Rand, of the Faculty; Mr. Batchelder of the Athletic Association; General Manager Smith, '05; and Business Manager Harrah, '05; of last year's Show; G. H. Bryant, '07, author of the Show; the coaches and all those who composed the music.

TENNIS.

The Tennis Team will leave for Providence on the 8.45 A.M. train, Saturday. It will be composed as follows: Singles—Henry, Gatewood, Fanning. Doubles—Henry and Fanning, Gatewood and Nicoll. Substitute—Bloede.

BASEBALL.

1908 defeated 1906 in a so-called championship game at Technology Field, Wednesday afternoon, by a score of 14-3. The playing of 1906 was ragged at times, while 1908 played a fast and snappy game.

Batteries: 1906, Whitehouse, Mathison and Hardy. 1908, Pritchard and Williams.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of the Chemical Society, which was to have been held Thursday evening, May 4, has been postponed on account of the Alumni meeting that evening. The dinner will be held Thursday evening, May 11, at the Tech Union. Tickets will be seventy-five cents.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 5.

- 1.00 P.M. California Club. Meeting in 22 Rogers.
- 6.00 P.M. Tech-Technique Dinner. Marlboro Hotel.
- 6.30 P.M. Prize Drill Dinner at Tech Union.
- 8.00 P.M. Yale-Harvard Debate. Sanders Theatre, Cambridge.

SATURDAY, MAY 6.

- 8.45 A.M. Tennis Team departs for Providence.
- 2.07 P.M. Hare and Hound Chase. Leave Trinity Station.
- 3.00 P.M. Baseball. 1906 vs. Swampscott A. C. at Swampscott.
- 6.30 P.M. Annual Tech Show Dinner at Tech Union.
- 6.30 P.M. Annual Dinner Architectural Society at the Old Elm.

FACULTY NOTICES.

The lecture in Political Economy and Industrial History for Thursday, May 11, will be given in 6 Lowell, in place of Huntington Hall.

After May 3, petitions to drop subjects will not be entertained by the Faculty unless recommended by the head of a department or by the Dean.

The schedule of final examinations will be published in one of next week's issues.

NOTICES.

The Mining Engineering Society will hold its next meeting at Tech Union, on Wednesday, May 10, at 7.45 P.M. Mr. John W. Cabot will talk on "Recent Developments of Open-Hearth Practice."

The 1906 Baseball Team will play the Swampscott Athletic Club at Swampscott tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The meeting of the Golf Association scheduled to have been held yesterday, has been postponed indefinitely.

Technology students are heartily invited to the Central Church, Newbury and Berkeley street. Services at 10.30 and 4. Young People's discussion at 12. Social Tuesday evening in the chapel. Daily service at 4.30.

C Company, winner of the Company Competitive Drill of the Freshmen Battalion, will be given its dinner at Tech Union this evening at 6.30 o'clock. The men are requested not to wear their uniforms.