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TECH WAS BARRED.

So Harvard, Cornell and Columbia Left Fencer's Association.

Because Technology was refused admittance to the Intercollegiate Fencers' Association at the annual meeting in New York last Wednesday, the representatives of Harvard, Cornell and Columbia resigned from the Association. Their withdrawal was accepted subject to reconsideration within a month. This is to give them time to consult with the athletic authorities at their respective universities, and to learn whether their action will be supported. The action was taken entirely on their own responsibility, but there is little doubt that it will be upheld. Princeton was admitted unanimously but when it came to Tech a lively debate ensued. Four of the members, Yale, Annapolis, West Point and Pennsylvania, were solid against M. I. T., while the applicant was favored by Harvard, Cornell and Columbia.

Reasons were advanced by the opposition to Technology that the institution was not a university and in the opinion of the debaters intercollegiate fencing should be confined to varsities and varsity men. This argument was answered by Cornell, Harvard and Columbia that if a man were at college, provided he was an amateur, he was entitled to wield a rapier in the intercollegiate fencing meet. As a precedent it was pointed out that Technology had a team in this year's intercollegiate cross country championship and if they were good enough for one class of college sport there should be no objection to them in all others. However, a vote was taken on the Technology application and the application was rejected. Thereupon Harvard, Cornell and Columbia promptly resigned from the Association.

The manager of the Varsity Fencing Team has arranged the following dates: On Feb. 10, a dual meet between Tech and Harvard at the Tech gym; On Feb. 16, Harvard and Columbia at the Tech gym, and in March a quadrangular meet between Tech, Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania at the Harvard gym.

The team this year is as follows: Jorge Lage '06, captain; R. D. Gatewood '06, and H. D. Bounetheau '08; and S. R. Miller '07, manager.

Minnesota is anxious to arrange a football game with Dartmouth for next season. The New Englanders have offered to meet the Western team, and it is considered that this game would be a great drawing card.

Columbia and West Point may meet in dual track games next spring. If they do it will be the first time that the soldiers have met any college in this particular kind of sport. They compete in the annual fencing tournament, and also recently have played basketball with Princeton and Columbia.

PREXY TELLS ALUMNI TECH'S NEEDS.

Students Should Know Profs. in a Social Way.—Major Briggs Calls Tech Pioneer in Athletic Reform.

More than two hundred Technology alumni, representing all the classes from '68 to '05, met at the Hotel Brunswick last Friday evening for the annual meeting and dinner of the Alumni Association. Pres. Frank L. Locke '86, presided. The guests were Dr. H. S. Pritchett, Walter C. Kerr, of the firm of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., Desmond Fitzgerald of the Corporation, Prof. W. T. Sedgwick, W. H. King '94, and C. C. Pierce '86.

The addresses which followed the dinner were all on the timely subject, "The Future of the Institute," and were given by the guests.

President Pritchett was greeted with long cheers, and in opening his address told a story which seemed to have a direct bearing on his relations with the Alumni in the recent "merger" discussion.

"A short time ago," he said, "I had occasion to see Pres. Roosevelt and to invite him to be present at the Franklin celebration, which he was, unfortunately, unable to accept. He told me a story of his visit to a certain town in Texas. The man in charge of the exercises remarked, 'Mr. President, I am about to introduce you to an audience in the state where you have more friends and fewer votes than in any state in the union.'"

Prexy says Tech is to go on as in the past.

Continuing, Dr. Pritchett said in part:

"The somewhat warm discussion of the past year has settled two questions and cleared the Institute's policy for the future, namely, the question of the alliance with Harvard and the possibility of removal to a new site.

"We are to go forward as we have in the past, with no formal relations to the university, but in the friendliest spirit of co-operation, and we must remain, at least for a number of years to come, on our present site.

"This outlook is in no sense discouraging; but it invites on the other hand every Technology man to new efforts for the future of the Institute. We need to go to work at once vigorously to find the money for more land, for new buildings and for additional endowment.

"Whatever policy as to these matters of site and of buildings the Institute may follow, the great and important things to be aimed at in the next decade seem to me the following:

"First the freshening and improving of the courses of study. This is a never-ending work in every great institution. In a technical school it is particularly essential that the work of instruction in all courses be considered afresh every now and then,

and not simply that modifications be made.

"Secondly, with a growing number of graduate students, we must make our courses more elastic, so that the student coming from another college may find it possible to get the work which helps him most.

"In the third place, if we are to aim for leadership we must relatively increase our graduate and research work; and we must offer research, not only in chemistry, in physics, in biology, but in engineering as well.

"And, finally, we must steadily broaden the student life, and in such a way that students may not only rub against each other, but that they may know their professors in some wholesome, democratic way. I am not sure that this last is not the greatest need, not only of our own institution, but of every American college as well. The weakness in our college life, from a rational standpoint, is the separation between the intellectual and the social life.

Demoralization of Ideals to Blame for College Ills.

"Today a deal is being said concerning the abuses of football, and these abuses are evident enough, but the chief evils are not the accidental roughness or the occasional brutality, but rather the demoralization of college ideals, the displacement of a right perspective, the encouragement of extravagant habits and the breeding of a system of graft, and for all these things the responsibility lies not alone with the students, but with the faculties as well, and these things have come about because sports have been developed by youths under the tutelage of professional trainers, and without any real comradeship with the teachers under whom they are sent to study.

"The cure for present abuses lies, in my judgment, not in the suppression of a particular game. It must go back much further to the real difficulty, the lack of any real companionship in American colleges between teachers and students. What the college student needs is a chance to know in manly, democratic fashion good and thoughtful and wise teachers, who possess a knowledge of men and boys as well as of books and laboratories.

"In some way in our college and in all other American colleges a social life must be developed which shall be the joint life of student and teacher. The absence of such a fellowship upon simple, democratic and natural lines is the weakest point in our American institutions."

Alumni Elect Officers.

At the annual business meeting the following officers were elected: President, E. Morss '75; vice president, J. B. Stanwood '86; secretary,

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CALENDAR.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1.

4.00 P.M. All Art Work for *Technique '07* must be in.

8.00 P.M. First Lowell Institute Lecture on "The Scientific Principles Underlying the Art of Painting" in Huntington Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2.

1.30 P.M. Meeting of the Prom Committee.

4.00 P.M. Hockey practise at the American League Grounds.

8.00 P.M. First Lowell Institute Lecture on "The Development of Shakespeare as a Dramatist," in Huntington Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3.

6.30 P.M. Annual 1906 Dinner at the Tech Union.

NOTICES.

Mandolin Club.—There will be no rehearsal of the Mandolin Club today. The first regular rehearsal will be held next Friday.

Prom Committee.—Meeting of the Prom Committee tomorrow at 1.30 P.M. The place will be announced on the bulletin boards.

Technique.—All Art work for *Technique 1907* must be left at the Cage some time today. Cover designs are also due.

Hockey.—There will be hockey practice at the American League Grounds tomorrow afternoon at 4 P.M. All candidates for the team must be on hand.

Senior Ballots.—Any Seniors who are entitled to ballots for the Class Day Committee election or the Portfolio Committee election, and have not received them, may get them from M. A. Coe, P. J. Kennedy or C. B. Powell.

DR. WASHINGTON SPEAKS.

When Dr. Booker T. Washington stepped upon the stage in Huntington Hall on Dec. 22, he was greeted by an audience that in point of numbers was not as large as the one he addressed here in 1904, but in point of enthusiasm and of interest in the speaker it was one of the best Technology ever turned out for a convocation.

Dr. Washington's address centered about two main points, namely, that the negro race is fit for work, and that there is work for them to do.

MRS. PRITCHETT RECEIVES.

One hundred and fifty men were entertained by Mrs. Pritchett at the Tech Union Christmas evening. Mrs. Waldo Richards gave some very entertaining readings. The men then gathered about the big Christmas Tree and were presented with gifts by Mrs. Pritchett. Dr. Pritchett was prevented by illness from being present.