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AMALGAMATION.

The intercollegiate track association, otherwise known as the I. C. A. A. A. A. recently took action regarding cross-country work, and decided that if the cross-country association was willing, it would take over the jurisdiction of the cross-country work.

A little later there was a special meeting of the cross-country association in New York, and the body was voluntarily dissolved, giving the charge of their work into the hands of the larger association.

The reason for this action is that for some time the managers of the cross-country teams and the track teams had come to be the same. All the colleges one by one have amalgamated the management of the two teams on account of their similar interests. Pennsylvania was a little slow in taking the action, but it came none the less surely. Cornell was the last college to take the step and only this year have the track and cross-country teams at Ithaca had the same manager.

The rule of the I. C. A. A. A. A. now with its revised constitution, is that to retain membership in the association a college must enter a team each year either in the regular meet of the association or in the annual cross-country race. By the new ruling any of the colleges which are members of the association are to be permitted in the future to enter a team in the cross-country contest.

The only college that was in the cross-country association and did not hold membership at the same time in the other organization was the Institute. As it is Technology still retains the right to enter teams in the cross-country race, and it is very probable that it will be admitted to full membership in the association on payment of the initiation fee and the annual dues.

At the present time there is a movement on foot to amalgamate the managements of the cross-country and track teams at Tech in order to follow the lead of the other colleges. The idea is that it will greatly facilitate the relations with the other institutions, and will bring the two teams closer together.

This would seem to be a very good plan. The idea of dealing with the other colleges is especially important. If the same man is able to talk with the outside managers and coaches about both cross-country and track, it will help matters considerably.

Further than that the idea of bringing the two branches of the work nearer together is not to be overlooked. The interests of the track and cross-country teams are the same. They have the same end in view, and a continuous and non-conflicting policy is necessary to bring this end about. This would best be accomplished by having the same coach for both teams.

The formation of the new hare and hounds association gives to the chase Captain all the active direction of the weekly runs. This takes a great deal of work off the hands of the cross-country manager.

If the new schemes should be adopted, the details of cross-country work in the fall could be attended to by the assistant track manager. On the track manager would rest the responsibility for taking the team away, arranging outside contests, and looking after the development of the team. For this, on account of his experience, and his thorough acquaintance with the work of the

track men, he should be peculiarly fitted.

Another point is that the track manager is of necessity brought into contact with the distance runners all through the year, and he should know them well. Unless he is a runner himself it would be difficult indeed for the cross-country manager to become thoroughly acquainted with the work in the short fall season.

In view then of the identity of interest of the two teams, the fact that the two sports are under the same national organization, and as all other colleges have abolished the position of cross-country manager it would seem advisable for the Institute to follow the lead thus set.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.

J. C. Brulatour of the Lumiere Company, gave a brief description of the new three-color Lumiere autochrome plate to the Society of Arts, last night. The fundamental principle of this color photography depends on purple, orange, and green-colored potato starch particles between the glass plate and the sensitized film. Numerous slides illustrating the construction and applications of the plate were shown.

BIOLOGISTS HEAR OF LABRADOR.

About forty members attended the Biological Society dinner at the Union Wednesday evening. President MacNutt 1908 presided. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. W. Lyman Underwood, special lecturer to the Institute on biology, who gave an extended account of his last summer's journey through Labrador, illustrated with some exceptionally fine colored lantern slides, made from photographs taken during the trip.

TEAM GETS MEDALS.

Special medals for the exhibition one-mile relay which the Tech team ran at the Lawrence Light Guard meet a short while ago have just been received by the manager of the team. The men to whom the prizes go are Captain H. W. Blackburn 1908, B. L. Gimson 1908, C. W. Gram 1909, and K. D. Fernstrom 1910.

COMBINED CONCERT.

At Jordan Hall, Wednesday night, the Mandolin Club took part in the Festival Mandolin Concert held under the direction of Messrs. Odell and Lansing. The club played the "Blue Jackets" march, with "Four Little Blackberries" for an encore, and the pieces took well with the house. The feature of the evening was the banjo playing of Mr. Lansing and the Boston Ideal Club.

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