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CONGRATULATIONS.

Every member of the track team, the captain, and the coach, are to be congratulated on the splendid showing made Saturday against Brown. Competitive spirit was shown by this team such has not been seen at the Institute for years. Previously it has been more or less the rule that the team and its individual members did better work in practice than in real competition, in other words fell down when the real contest came. From a state of disorganization this team pulled itself together in a wonderful manner.

Too much cannot be said of the grit, nerve, spirit, call it what you may, that the individual Tech competitors showed on Saturday. Not only did the high class men come up to what was expected but the lesser lights went into it with a determination that gave points.

So many instances there were of men performing better than they ever dreamed themselves or were expected by others of doing, and these instances are so evident in the report on the meet that citation is hardly necessary.

No small amount of credit for the showing can be given to Coach Kanaly who has carried the team along in a consistent manner, bringing the team up to the mark in as fine condition as is possible under the present athletic system. The Institute should feel proud of a coach who not only can train men but also inject into them a faithfulness and loyalty as could be seen in the track team Saturday.

And the team was backed up in a hearty way, helping immensely toward the outcome. The cheering was spirited, the fellows showed appreciation of fine effort on the part of the trackmen, and the band, made possible by contributions, livened up proceedings.

Let every effort be made to go into the intercollegiate meet with same spirit both on the part of the team and the Technology backers.

HIELD IS PRESIDENT.

Musical Clubs Hold Annual Dinner and Elections.

The annual dinner and meeting of the Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs was held Saturday evening at the Copley Square Hotel. After an enjoyable banquet the clubs proceeded to the election of officers and to other general business.

In the combined clubs, Clifford C. Hield 1910 was elected president; N. Coleman 1909, vice-president; F. N. Sharman 1908, secretary; Wallace D. Richardson 1910, general manager and treasurer.

Maurice Shariff 1909 was elected leader of the Banjo Club with Harold Lockett 1910 as manager. Nat Coleman continues as leader of the Mandolin Club, while Donald Stevens 1911 was elected manager.

Clinton W. Pyle 1909 is the new leader of the Glee Club with Caldwell as manager.

The clubs voted to amend the constitution to the effect that all profits from the season's work be put into the general treasury. It was also voted that this year the profits should go to the furnishing of the Musical Clubs' room in the New Union.

TRACK TEAM SPRING SURPRISE.

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the discus throw, in which Nisbet did so well, Kirley of Brown took second with 114 feet 3 1/2 inches. Seidler gathered in the single point with 97 feet 8 inches.

Coach Frank Kanaly said he was very well satisfied with the showing made by the team: W. C. Salisbury's victory especially showed what constant training would do. He also said that if this victory did not give the men a "swelled head," the Technology team would stand a good fighting chance for second place in the intercollegiate.

The starting of Joseph J. McNamara was exceptionally fine, and was much praised by the veteran officials on the field. The summary is as follows:

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ENGINEERS AND SOCIETY.

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the obtruse technicalities of subjects too often taken up by debating societies. President Ellis of the club said that this idea had already been thought of and appreciation of civil life. Despite our prejudice against anything bureaucratic the American system could easily withstand the tainting the admixture would bring about."

Professor Arlo Bates started with saying that he wouldn't talk shop but that he would advise the development of better enunciation and appreciation of good English by reading aloud. "Indeed," he said, "one of the greatest causes for the growing disappreciation of poetry is silent reading. Poetry and the best English are intended for the ear and not the eye's apprehension."

A very interesting account of how to make a camel sit and "staysot" and of the idiosyncracies of the Egyptians as experienced by Prof. Bates's son, who is now with Prof. Reisner in the work of excavation in Egypt, concluded Prof. Bates's talk.

The queer lack of perspective knowledge by Tech men was deplored by Prof. Seaver in a short, semi-impromptu speech. He said it was probably not entirely the fault of the men. Before entering, most of the students have a very elementary study of mythology, and then later usually only United States history. In the Institute, the study of United States history is continued but for a single term and European history since 1815 considered in another term.

Civilization has been a long time in building and many of the problems of today have been nashed and reshaped in former times. This age is not the "only pebble on the sands of time," and Mr. Seaver said that much unnecessary labor could be saved by the consideration of past work.

and was one of the first items on the plans for next year. Professor Sedgwick repeated the saying of Huxley that Americans must decide between Democracy or Bureaucracy, and urged that it is even more pertinent than at the time of its utterance. Foolish as even it may seem to Americans with the democratic genius so ingrained, the benefits of some of the bureaucratic institutions as used in Germany, minus some of the frills, could safely be added to the American system.

Present civil life in the United States does not enlist the efforts of the best lawyers and trained men as do the ordinary industries. This means that our nervous system is not doing its part for our otherwise healthy organism.

"If the road to promotion," said Prof. Sedgwick, "lay clearly ahead, as in business, this nervous prostration would be remedied. Employees would work fearlessly for the right knowing that they will continue in the service during good behavior. For fear of the bad officials, the good ones, of which there are many, are inconvenienced in the impartial selection of experts and not just the ordinary kind that usually are provided by the civil service."

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