

Tech. Base Ball

AT the opening of the Spring Term last year there was issued a general call for base ball candidates. A meeting was held in Science Hall and about thirty candidates turned out. The policy to be followed for the coming season was discussed and the candidates were told what was expected of them if they wished to succeed in making the team.

The season was not ushered in as a brilliant ray of light that eclipsed everything else. Many obstacles confronted the team. For the first time in the history of the Institute the candidates were compelled to face a statute enforced by the Executive Committee, which read: "He who would play base ball must not only be brilliant on the diamond, but must also shine in school work," which meant, in other words, "Flunks cannot play ball at A. I. T." Some of the candidates became very well acquainted with the rule, and as a result of it our wealth of candidates was cut down considerably. But this was not the only boulder in the path. New suits and the necessary equipment were needed and the financial condition of the Athletic Association was rather embarrassing. After some good hard canvassing, however, our loyal students came to the rescue. The team then had clear sailing.

About the middle of April the try-out season was over and eleven candidates were left to represent the Tech. on the base ball field. After a few practice games with the "*Acads*" the team went to Highland Park on April 23d for their first scheduled game. The result (14-0) in favor of the "Tech." was extremely encouraging. With such a start the team entered upon a career that proved a successful and victorious one.

On May 7th the team lined up against our old rivals, and after a hard-fought, exciting struggle of 11 innings we went down in defeat at the hands of Lewis. This was the best attended home game. The team made many trips, and on every occasion, with one exception, came home with the yellow and black flying triumphantly. All in all the year was a very successful one, one, let us hope, that has reflected credit both upon the team and the school. Every member of the team feels that it has been well supported, and they take this opportunity for thanking the school for the way it turned out to the games and for their loyal financial support.