

Meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The third annual convention of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States was held in New York on Jan. 2. Nearly fifty colleges were represented. Dr. J. P. Welsh and Mr. Golden were the delegates from State.

The object of this Association is to better conditions in college athletics. The institutions which are members of the Association are not compelled to follow any particular set of rules but they are bound "to take control of student athletic sports as far as may be necessary to maintain in them a high standard of personal honor, eligibility, and fair play; and to remedy whatever abuses may exist." It is a body for debate and the establishment of general principles, rather than for the adoption of specific rules.

The debate for this year's convention was on the question:—"Any student in good collegiate standing should be permitted to play in intercollegiate baseball contests."

Dr. Welsh spoke on the affirmative of this question. He based his main argument on the one point of "good collegiate standing." In part, he said that there is no reason why a student in good standing should not represent his college on the baseball diamond. Because he plays ball in the summer to earn money, he cannot be called a professional when he comes back to college the next year and takes up his duties as a student. A college student who earns money by singing or playing some musical instrument is not a professional musician. If a man who has been a professional baseball player enters college and really becomes a student, he is no longer a professional. A clergyman who goes into business should no longer be saddled with the rules and etiquette of his former profession.

The trouble is not with the "stu-

dent in good collegiate standing." It is with the salaried professional, who does not prepare his recitations, who can not recite, and who does not pay his college bills; or with the athletic tramp, who, with the aid of the athletic association, bluffs it out with the faculty, as long as possible, and then passes on to the next college.

Dr. Welsh suggested four rules to make sure that every man who has a place on a college team is a "student in good collegiate standing."

1. He must be a student—not a loafer nor an athletic tramp. 2. He must be a good student; that is, must study well and recite successfully. His schedule must be of collegiate rank. 3. He must have the requisite number of hours per week and the subjects must be college subjects. 4. His standard as a student must be established in advance of his playing in any collegiate contest.

The attendance figures of the leading educational institutions are now practically complete, and they show that Columbia has more students enrolled than any other institution. Harvard has dropped to second place. The twelve now leading are as follows: Columbia, 5,675; Harvard, 5,342; Michigan, 5,188; Chicago, 5,114; Cornell, 4,700; Minnesota, 4,178; Pennsylvania, 4,555; Illinois, 4,400; New York University, 3,951; Wisconsin, 3,875; California, 3,751; Yale, 3,406.

Prof. Abbott Lawrence Lowell, author, lawyer, and Harvard professor, has been chosen to succeed President Eliot as the head of Harvard University. He is fifty-two years old, is thoroughly imbued with Harvard traditions, and is regarded by critics as an excellent man for the position.

Oberlin College is planning for a new engineering building, on which it is hoped work will be begun before June.

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