minutes
18 March 1884

ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION

A communication from a committee of the C. A. U. Athletic Association regrd to a proposed intercollegiate contest to be held on the grounds of this university was read by the Secretary and referred to a committee consisting of Pough, Tuttle, Smith, Wescomble, U. C. Houston and the President.

A provisional program for the term examinations was read, and on motion the examination of the Class in Elementary Physics was set for Thursday afternoon, March 28th.

Adjourned.

F. H. Elbridge, Secretary.

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