Another Fast Train.

In speaking of the Chicago Limited Expresses in The Tech No. 1, the writer omitted to state that coming east the Pennsylvania has a train which makes the run of nine hundred and eleven miles from Chicago to Jersey City in twenty-five hours twenty-eight minutes actual time, as against twenty-six hours twenty minutes of the return Limited. This is, therefore, the quickest time between New York and Chicago, though the speed is only thirty-five and seven tenths miles an hour. The New York Central does not attempt to compete with this east-bound train, as it would necessitate a much higher speed over a route sixty-five miles longer than the Pennsylvania's.

A train on the Maine Central recently made fifty-five miles in one hour and five minutes, including two stops, one of five minutes. This is the fastest time ever made on the road.

Communication.

Mr. Editor:—A brief paragraph in your last issue indicates a state of things in which, it seems to me, we, as a school, cannot acquiesce without a protest. I refer to the financial statement of the treasurer of the Rogers Memorial Committee. If I understand the statement right, the treasurer, failing to receive sufficient support from the students, has himself made up the balance due on the Memorial. The causes of the deficit need no mention here, having been sufficiently specified in The Tech, No. 1. But whatever the cause, enough that the debt has been incurred by our authorized agent, acting under our instructions. Such being the case, we can, neither as a school collectively nor as individuals, permit our agent to make good our own deficiency.

However creditable the act to him, however disinterested his generosity, we cannot avail ourselves of it with justice to him or with honor to ourselves.

Such a course, too, is widely at variance with the original design,—that all should give a little, that none should give more. It would establish, also, a most harmful precedent. Will a man be anxious to do work for us if he feels that he may be called upon to pay our debts also? Such a feeling would inevitably deter many from committee work. Shall the school, too, be allowed to assume that it can thus evade payment of its just debts?

The amount in question, if properly divided, would be trivial. I would suggest either that the vacancies in the original committee be filled or that new committees be appointed by each class to canvass the school for subscriptions. It is no pleasant task, particularly when, as now, the field has been already worked, but the justice of the claim should command a cordial response from all.

To resume briefly: First, the present status is not just to our agent; second, it is not honorable to ourselves; third, it is contrary to the original plan; fourth, it establishes a bad precedent.

I hope for the honor of the Institute that we shall not be backward in discharging this just obligation, and I firmly believe we shall not if the duty is once properly presented.

Permit me to add that nothing in the above should be considered in the slightest degree a reflection on the officer in question. He has, as he deserves, the respect and confidence of all.

T., '84

At a meeting of '85 on Monday last, nearly the whole of that class's proportionate part of the deficit was raised. Mr. Pratt will be glad to receive further contributions.—Eds.

Note. — It was W. Hall Kerr, '83, who had charge of the North Carolina Exhibit at the Institute Fair, and not Mr. Carr as printed in The Tech of Oct. 31. Mr. Kerr's engagement to Miss A. M. Getchell, of Brookline, Mass., is announced,