Why not have a hare-and-hounds run during this fine fall weather?

We came across the freshest Freshman the other day. When solicited to subscribe for THE TECH, he declined, on the ground that he could see it, every issue, in the reading-room, and would then have the money to subscribe for some other paper. Fortunately, the whole class is not animated by this spirit, else the future of THE TECH would look rather dark.


Notice.—All Freshmen expecting to take the course in sub-basement engineering are respectfully requested to hand to Mr. J. G. Hadley a report of their doings and whereabouts, as well as the way they spend their Sundays, in order that it may be known whether they are doing their duty. All reports of work should be on the twenty-four-hours-for-thirty-days basis. For instance, beginning with Oct. 1, they will count the hours in order until Nov. 1, and so on. This method has been tried with success in South Africa. The main points to be given with exactness are:—

Who are you?
What are you working at?
What are you working on?
What are you working over?
What are you working under?
What are you working through?
How long do you expect it will take you?
What time did you begin?

What do you expect to do day before yesterday?
Who was your nigger last year?
Where did you do it?

DURING the week we have to chronicle two changes in the examination system, at two of our principal colleges. At Harvard, the percentage required for promotion has been raised from a general average of forty per cent to fifty. This new standard will also be required to pass off all conditions. The amount required to simply pass an examination remains the same as heretofore.

At Yale, the Faculty have voted that semi-annual examinations shall take the place of annuals; that is, that the December examinations shall be final for the work that they cover, and the June examinations shall only be on the second term’s work. This is, practically, the same as what our Sophomores vainly petitioned for last spring. In that case, we think that the rejection of the petition by the Faculty was on the whole better for the Sophomores, as the examination on the first term’s work often helps them to pass the examination on the harder work of the second term.

The chief reason assigned by the Yale Faculty is the unsatisfactoriness of the examination papers on the studies of the first term.

Bowdoin and Cornell having done away with Saturday recitations, there is no longer an American institution which inflicts this flagitious custom.—Ex., via Cornell Era. How about the Institute? And we don’t find the custom so very flagitious either.

Many of our exchanges make their appearance this year with new covers. Some are very gaudy, some very artistic and pretty. THE TECH will have to look out for its laurels in the matter of covers.

The Cornell Era is one of the best edited papers that comes to our table. Its articles are certainly rather heavy; but it is not for THE TECH to criticise in that direction.

The Williams Argo is as bright and interesting as ever. We always like to read the Argo, when we have time; but an editor at the Institute does n’t have much time to spare.

General College News.—Every member