Communication.

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To THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

We had always understood that three hours was the limit for all examinations at the Institute, but the action of some of the professors during the recent semis goes far toward dispelling all such ideas. When a professor says an examination will end at twelve o'clock, but gives so much on the paper that the majority of the men in the section cannot do anything like justice to the questions in the allotted time, but have to stay from half an hour to an hour beyond, and even then cannot do all they could if there were more time and they were not completely worn out by four hours' steady work, when this happens it seems to us that such a paper is manifestly unfair and altogether too long, and that it is very unjust to the men taking the subject. This was particularly true of two examinations on two consecutive days, both given by one professor '85.

The College World.

Harvard.—Señor Don Juan Vallera, the Spanish minister, has signified his intention, through the Spanish consulate at Boston, of presenting a number of rare volumes of Spanish history to the University. This gift is made in memory of an enjoyable visit which he recently made to the college. — A handsome cup for rifle shooting has been presented to the Shooting Club. — Prof. Alexander Agassiz has gone to the Sandwich Islands on account of poor health. — The total valuation of the property of Harvard College which yields an income is estimated to be about five million dollars. — There are twenty-one editors connected with the Crimson, either in an editorial or business capacity. — Of the 1,617 students in Harvard, 968 are from Massachusetts. — The following-named ministers have been invited to preach in April: Rev. R. Heber Newton, Rev. Brooke Herford, Rev. Phillips Brooks and Rev. A. P. Peabody.

Yale.—Prof. Benj. Silliman died recently. — It is said that $4,000 has been subscribed to the Navy by the three under classes, not including Sheffield.

Columbia.—Twelve men have gone into training for the crew, and good hopes are entertained of turning out a crew able to compete with Harvard successfully. — Cane rushing appears to be an important part of the course at the School of Mines. A midwinter rush is the latest feature.

Princeton.—Owing to the mildness of the winter the men practising for the nine have for some time been able to practise on the campus. — Princeton is to make great efforts to retain the lacrosse championship next spring.

In General.—The University of Pennsylvania is endeavoring to raise $50,000 for a gymnasium. $10,000 has already been secured. — Peterhouse College, the oldest of the seventeen colleges in Cambridge University, England, has just celebrated the six hundredth anniversary of its founding. It was founded in the reign of King Edward I. — News.—Syracuse University is to receive an endowment of $40,000 for a new professorship. — Clarkson, of the Chicago's, has been secured to train the Dartmouth nine.

The Tech likes to see items from its columns clipped by its exchanges, but it also likes to receive credit for them, and does not like to see them remodelled by other exchange editors. A list of the number of students at the various colleges, which is evidently the one published in Tech No 6, has been going the rounds, but the figures have been altered in several cases, including that of the M. I. T. itself.

As our list was prepared, either from the current year's catalogues or by direct correspondence, we are confident that it is correct.