to our best advantage, it behooves the Seniors always to exert the utmost care in the selections for Class Day officers. Remember that the office should, in each and every case, go to the man who is most honestly fitted for it. And while this may seem an unnecessary statement, it should, nevertheless, be considered, or else a man may receive an office which, judging him only by his popularity, he would most certainly deserve, whereas the ability to discharge the duties of that office, the real test, might be entirely lacking. The honorary offices, such as those of marshal and aids, should and will be filled by the most popular men; the offices of orator, historian, poet, etc., should be filled by men of unmistakable ability, the best talent in the class.

Let the standard of fitness for office be merit, not simply service or popularity, for only by that means can '93 make that record on Class Day which the reputation of our Alma Mater and the universal wish demand.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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To THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

In the last issue of THE TECH, No. 8, I notice some criticism on the Gymnasium work. At the outset, I may state that I do not resent fair criticism but rather court it.

It seems to me that there is a feeling amongst some members of the Athletic Association that there is not enough time devoted in the gymnasium work to indoor athletics, as distinguished from regulation gymnasium work. Now I would like this opportunity to put before the students the purpose of the Corporation in adding to the equipment of the gymnasium, and in engaging an Instructor. It is mainly that the students may have the opportunity to take judicious and systematic exercise for health and development. Those students who attend the gymnasium for that object between 4 P.M. and 6 P.M. are in the large majority, and are catered for accordingly.

A schedule of the various classes was given in a recent number of THE TECH. The classes so far have been well attended, the opening one each day, on the pullley machines, always being full. For the mass exercises there are very few who stand out. Attendance in the classes is entirely optional, but advisable. Attention in connection therewith is called to one of the rules, which states that while the classes are on, no apparatus shall be used which would interfere with them.

While referring to rules, it would be well if those using the gymnasium would read them up, and keep them in mind. They were drawn up by the Corporation as being necessary for the proper conducting of the gymnasium work. Where so many use the gymnasium, in such limited time, considerable tact is required in the direction of the work, so that some will not interfere with the work of others, and that the most may be made of the time to benefit the majority. Now as to the Athletic element. They begin to come down to the gymnasium only just before an athletic meet, and wish to monopolize the gymnasium floor for sprinting and hurdling at any time. That is out of reason. I may state here that I am not against the Athletic element, but with them, and will do my best for the Athletic Association and the Athletes. If a number of them come to the gymnasium, and say they wish to have some practice in hurdling, sprinting, or jumping, and ask me to coach them, I will make arrangements for them to have it. From now to the Class Athletic Meeting the schedule of classes will be somewhat modified to give time for training for the meeting. I gladly made arrangements for the football team to practice their tricks and signals.

The last issue of THE TECH remarks of myself: "His method of training may be all right in the long run, but the men all seem to start out very poorly, with the exception of those who have had lessons before." I presume that refers to athletics. I have not pretended to take in hand any of the students to train them for athletics. If I had, I should have demanded more systematic work and attendance from them. I simply coached them when requested. I was not engaged as Trainer in Athletics, but as I had had much experience that way, I did some coaching, as I have just stated. If the Athletic Association ask me to coach their members, and to encourage athletics amongst the students, I will do so.

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To THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

The advisability and practicability of wearing the cap and gown next Class Day is being thought over