IN view of the unfortunate consequences attending the cane rush and football game of two weeks ago, it would seem a wise measure to offer suggestions at the present time for the guidance of future managements. Although no very serious accident occurred during the football game itself, nevertheless the injuries resulting from attempts at climbing the flag pole and from exhaustion in the cane rush, point to the necessity for the presence of a physician on such occasions. A shorter period assigned for the rush would give less opportunity for injury from overexertion, and in this particular would offer a decided advantage to both classes. The careless use of kerosene proved to be the cause of several troublesome burns, while the barbed wire upon the pole, ever dangerous, was this year peculiarly unfortunate in its results. Sheer force of numbers, rather than a destructive artifice, is a far superior method of guarding the class flags. Moreover, a larger police force should be provided to keep the onlookers entirely from the field during the game and at a suitable distance during the cane rush, a precaution which will commend itself more and more thoroughly owing to the increasing number of spectators who each year witness the event.

LAST September the society established in New York by the former students of the Ecole des Beaux Arts opened a competition for a design for "An Opera House for a Rich Amateur in the South." Designs will be sent by all the leading architectural schools in the country, by the Boston Society of Architects and by a number of private firms. On account of the large number and unusual ability of the competitors, great credit will be reflected on the successful designers.

Technology will be represented in the competition by three postgraduate students, Faville, F. M. Mann, and H. H. Thorndike. These men have been working on their designs for some time past, and the results obtained show a marked degree of merit. The designs were sent down to New York last Saturday, and the prospects of their obtaining a high mention are very promising.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editors of The Tech:—

The Ruggles Street Church is widely known as a centre for charitable work. Through the winter months it systematically distributes food and clothing among the poorest people in Boston. The method of work is elaborately organized, and the utmost care is taken to distribute the supplies among the really deserving poor; thus the risk of imposition and fraudulent appeal is minimized. The distribution is made on lines independent of church, creed, or sect.

If one gives his cast-off clothing to the first beggar he finds, he has a haunting suspicion that he is playing into the hands of some "Solomon Levi" of Salem Street; and yet among the hosts of well-dressed students at Technology there must be hundreds who throw down clothing to the beggars without thought or care in the selection of the recipient.

It is now proposed to establish at Technology a system of co-operation with the Ruggles Street Relief Department, whereby students may make sure that their donations of clothing are distributed among really deserving poor, systematically and carefully chosen from the hordes of wretched people who appeal for help.

If anyone having clothing of any sort to discard will leave his name and address with any of the students named below, either personally or by a note left at the office in Rogers corridor, these students will notify the Relief Department at Ruggles Street to send a messenger to collect the donations for distribution.

AZE L AMES, JR., '95, I.
ROGER W. BABSON, '98, II.
EDMUND D. BARRY, '95, XIII.
THOS. B. BOOTH, '95, VI.
GEO. S. BOWES, '96, II.
WALLACE C. BRACKETT, '95, XI.
EDWARD M. BRAGG, '96, XIII.
A. L. CANFIELD, '95, II.
J. W. CLARY, '96, XIII.