COMMUNICATIONS.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

In spite of the fact that the Freshman Drill Committee have been doing their best to make the final arrangements for the Intercollegiate Drills, certain members of the Class have thought it best to criticise the action of their representatives in some minor details.

After carefully considering the matter, the committee decided to have for ushers at the Drill commissioned officers from Boston and suburban school battalions. The difference between the exhibition of this and past years is very marked. As the competition is to be by battalion this year, it will be clearly seen that every man will be needed from the time of assembly until the end of the drill, and hence the only available '99 men are the "generals" of Course B, who, doubtless, owing to their "infirmities" would not be able to serve. No one knows any better than certain members of the committee who have served in that capacity the actual duties of an usher in Mechanic's Hall, and so out of consideration for the upper class men they did not thrust the task on them. Another, and a very important, consideration is that the uniformed High School officers will be very conspicuous, which will make them much more efficient. In fact, the only reward held out to them for their services is the chance to "show off." Now if the two or three who have criticised so severely, would really like to be conspicuous and "show off," doubtless their valuable services could be spared from the battalion, and the committee could attach them to some of the sections on the floor. There isn't so very much difference between a Prep. School Senior and a College freshman after all.

Q., '99.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

The two Societies of Der Deutsche Verein and L'Avenir wish to thank Professors Van Daell, Dippold, Vogel, and Blachstein for their kind services tendered to the two Societies in giving the lecture course.

The amount realized by the lectures will help towards meeting the most urgent debts of the two Societies; an object which could not have been accomplished without the generous assistance of the above named professors.

Signed,

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President of L'Avenir.

The Intercollegiate Drill.

On Friday evening, May 15th, there will be held, under the auspices of the M. I. T. cadet corps, an intercollegiate drill, which will be participated in by Brown University, the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and Harvard. For several years it has been the custom for the Technology Battalion to arrange for a competitive or an exhibition drill, to be held shortly before the close of the school year, but the affair this year will be upon a very much larger scale than any of the previous drills. The large hall in Mechanics Building has been secured for the occasion, thus affording ample space for the battalion competition between the Brown and Technology organizations. This will doubtless prove the most interesting feature of the evening, although the individual contest, in which each of the four above-mentioned colleges will be represented by twelve men, is expected to be close and exciting. A silk flag will be the prize for the winning battalion; and for the individual contest, a gold medal and a silver medal will constitute the first and second prizes respectively.

The battalion from Providence will arrive at Park Square Station about three o'clock, and will be met by the Technology Battalion and escorted, past the Institute, to the Hall, where later in the afternoon supper will be served for them, and also for the squads from Cambridge and Amherst.

The doors of the Hall will be opened at half past six, and at half past seven the drill will commence with a regimental parade, in-