**Communications.**

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To the Editors of The Tech:—

There seems to be some misunderstanding among the upper class men in regard to the recent drill held under the auspices of the Class of 1902. No Technology man was entered in the competitive drill, and the battalion took part only in the opening and closing marchings.

For several years it has been the custom at Harvard to offer a trophy for the Interscholastic championship in Tennis; Princeton offers a trophy for the Interscholastic championship in Track Athletics. Why should not Technology offer a trophy for the Interscholastic championship in Military Drill? There can be no doubt but that benefit has accrued to Harvard and Princeton, and already beneficial results are promising for Technology. The principal of the school which won the cup at the last drill writes that St. John's will send six men to the Institute next year.

If, then, such drills influence preparatory school men in favor of the Institute, it is to the true interest of Technology that the Interscholastic drills should be continued.

Albert Eaton Lombard, '02.

To the Editors of The Tech:—

You published in the last number of The Tech a letter from a member of the Class of '99, criticising and condemning the recent Interscholastic competitive drill held by the Class of 1902. The drill was held under the auspices of the Class of 1902 in the same manner as the B. A. A hold the Interscholastic games. The members of the high school battalions had nothing whatever to do with the drill of the M. I. T. battalion—acting as ushers or anything else. They simply drilled between themselves. As for its being harmful to the Institute, I claim that it will benefit it, inasmuch as it will tend to raise the standard of drilling at those schools, and thus better prepare the men who enter the Institute for their drill. It is true that the Tech. yell was given with "English High School" on the end; but who gave it? Upper class men, the majority of whom were members of 1901. If the members of 1902 are expected to be well posted in "yell etiquette" in the Institute, would it not be a good plan for their predecessors to set them a good example?

It seems to me that if we are to condemn and stop all connections with Interscholastic competitions, would it not be advisable to look at the Athletics? The Technology Class teams play the high school teams in football, etc. Is it any worse or more harmful to the Institute to hold an Interscholastic competitive drill, in which Tech. men are simply spectators, than to go on to the football field and compete against those same schools? I say No.

I hope that in the future all our drills will be Intercollegiate. Let us have no competition with high school battalions. I hope, however, that the entering classes of the future will continue to hold the competitive drill for the cup in the same manner and spirit as the Class of 1902 started it.

Henry Erskine Stillings, '02.

To the Editors of The Tech:—

In the last Tech Mr. Stone, '99, started a much needed campaign against the absurd institution which the Freshmen have instituted, viz., "Technology's Interscholastic Drill."

Although I agree with Mr. Stone in every particular, yet I think that he is a little hard on the youngest class in the Institute. He should be more lenient, remembering that the Freshmen have just come from the high school, and naturally can't quite decide to break from what was recently so dear to them.

However, this is no reason why the Institute should be saddled with any such inane institution, and it is high time the upper classes took some decided action before the thing goes any further. Strike while the iron's hot.

Henry Erskine Stillings, '02.

To the Editors of The Tech:—

In the last number of The Tech is a communication from an upper classman to which I wish to reply. Your correspondent criticizes the Class of '02 for having conducted an interscholastic drill. If, as the writer of that letter implies, it is harmful for Technology to have anything to do with the "Prep." schools, let us see what other offenders there are besides the Freshmen.

Our 'Varsity Football team must, under these conditions, be doing great harm to the Institute, for worse than patronizing "Prep." schools, they have competed with them, and even thought it not endless.