President Walker said in his last annual report to the Corporation: "The exercises taking place in them are intended to be as purely and as highly educational as those in the laboratories of Chemistry and Physics." The term "shops" or "workshops," as applied to these departments, is made still more misleading by the fact that the Institute has a finely equipped shop for general repair work, and also machine shops in connection with both the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Departments.

The systematic manner in which the courses in the Mechanical Arts are conducted, and the great value of this class of training to engineering students, both from a utilitarian and an educational point of view, justifies the Institute in changing the name of this department. "Shops" or "workshops" suggests construction, not instruction; manufacturing, not education; and has been the sole cause of wrong impressions among educators and the general public as to the Institute's methods of teaching the Mechanical Arts. The substitution of an appropriate designation, as for example, "The Department of Mechanical Arts," would suggest the educational character of the work carried on and avoid any further misconceptions in this direction.

NCE again has Hiram Tech. been disturbed in the quiet and dignified pursuit of scientific knowledge by that wild, unearthly invention of the college man—the Cane Rush. But after all this old custom has a great deal of significance and fulfills a most important function. Primarily it makes the Freshman feel that he is actually a part of the Institute life. When he hears the cheers of the Junior with his own Class on the end he feels for the first time that he is something more than a "pre-school" graduate and realizes that he is being welcomed into the student body. The Rush develops even in so short a time a class spirit, which will now, it is hoped, be devoted to the fostering of a broader college spirit. It arouses a wider interest than any one event of the college year. It is the time when almost every fellow considers it his duty to "cut," if necessary, in order to be present, and here at Tech., where manifestations of college spirit are comparatively few, the assembling of such a representative body of men is something upon which we may well be congratulated. Since this has come to be an event of such importance it is not out of place here to repeat the suggestion that here after the afternoon of the Cane Rush will be made a half holiday.

AST year we were called upon to censure the acts of certain students who perhaps might have imperilled the lives of their fellows by maliciously stealing the signs indicating the location of the fire escapes. This year the same spirit of vandalism has manifested itself though perhaps in a somewhat less objectionable but by no means less annoying manner. The football management, at some expense, posted notices of the home games. These all disappeared about twenty-four hours after they had been put up, thus totally defeating the object for which they were intended. Before the cane rush and class game a request that further annoyance from this source should cease appeared in our columns, but not the slightest attention was paid to it. The announcements of the Cane Rush disappeared as rapidly as had their predecessors.

While these may not have been taken with the idea of committing a serious offence, such petty thefts occasioned considerable loss to