Communications.

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To the Editors of The Tech:

Gentlemen: May I through your columns call attention to the Hare and Hounds Runs held under the management of the Cross-country Association. These runs are from five to eight miles in length, and are held every suitable Saturday afternoon during the fall and spring in the country around Boston.

These runs are held for pleasure, and will be short, slow and easy at first, gradually increasing in speed and length until a fair standard of running is reached. This work is endorsed by the captains and trainers of the Track and Cross-country Teams, and they desire all who like running to come out and try, for the first few runs, at least.

The value of such work as a foundation for athletic training is shown whenever Englishmen who have done cross-country work regularly for years seldom fail to capture long runs on the track. It is also healthy exercise as a change from hard study. Candidates for cross-country team should also run unless otherwise ordered by the team captain.

On behalf of the Association I wish to invite every able-bodied man in the Institute to come out for as many of the runs as possible. Men who have never had experience in this work are urged to come out for the first runs, as these will be shorter and slower than those later on.

Our first run of the season last Saturday at Wellesley Farms was exceptionally well attended, considering only two days’ notice was given. Thirty-eight men came out, and all finished well together. The day was excellent and the trail good. Holcombe, ’04, and Haynes, ’04, were hares, and covered the 4½ miles in 40 minutes. The first hound in was Lorenz, ’05, followed by Burke, ’05, and Ovington, ’04. The time of the hounds was 44 minutes.

The run next Saturday will be from Winchester. There will be shower-baths with hot and cold water, at finish, which is better than the average run can furnish. If stormy the run will be postponed, and due notice given on Rogers’ Bulletin Saturday morning.

G. P. Palmer,
Chase Captain.

To The Tech:

I wish to call the attention of the lower classmen to the need of more candidates for the cross-country team. The team has suffered heavily by the loss of its best runners, so that the chance of making the team this year is unusually good. That there is a chance for men with little or no running experience is shown by the fact that two of the men who made the training-table squad had never run before coming out for the team; one of these men ran on the final team.

In order that a strong team may be turned out under the present conditions it is imperative that we have a large and enthusiastic squad in training. I hereby call for more candidates to come out and begin training at once. New men should come out now, because soon we shall be obliged to do work too severe for a man who has not warmed up.

Report at Gym, equipped for outdoor running, at 4.30 P.M.

Frederick H. Hunter,
Acting Captain, M. I. T. Cross-country Team.

Calendar.

Thursday, Oct. 9.—Address in Huntington Hall by Rev. W. Rainford at 2 P.M.
’04 Technique Board meeting at 4 P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 11.—Hare and Hounds Run at Winchester.
Monday, Oct. 13.—Regular Tech Board meeting 1 P.M.