

seen that any man who will work conscientiously for a short time and who shows willingness to continue that work after election, will make the Board, if he have a spark of native ability. Many Freshmen hesitate to try from fear of overwhelming duties. The work is not at all exacting; all that is expected of a candidate is that he present on Monday mornings as much "copy" as he can write up during the week. Now is the time when news is plentiful. There are the '06 and '07 teams to be followed, the Track and Cross Country teams to be watched and the class elections to be reported. Things are happening all the time; any man with his eyes and ears open can find two or three locals every day. Remember, it is the regularity of the work that counts and not the class from which the candidate comes; the Freshman stands, perhaps, a better chance than the Senior—he has more years of usefulness on the Board before him. The Editor and the Business Manager are always ready to talk with and advise candidates and to help each to do the best that lies in him. We want you! We knew that before, now you know it.

THE RULES FOR FRESHMEN.

NOW that 1907 has been at the Institute for over two weeks we feel it our duty to introduce to them the rules for Freshmen which it is their duty to observe. Last year a joint committee from 1903 and 1904, "recognizing that college etiquette, good taste and the rules of the Athletic Association are frequently, through ignorance, violated," passed the following rule for the guidance of Freshmen:

No Freshman shall wear any hat, cap, sweater, jersey or sleeveless shirt bearing any preparatory school numerals, initials or insignia of any variety. However, sweaters or jerseys bearing such insignia may be worn inside out, or with the in-

signia on the back of the wearers. Preparatory school pins, if worn at all, should be worn so as not to be in sight.

The Sophomores were very lax in enforcing this rule last year, with the result that some 1906 men declined to observe it up to the end of the term. It devolves on 1906 to see that this does not occur again. The Freshmen now have had due notice and cannot plead ignorance of the rule. Go ahead and enforce it to the best of your ability, 1906; such a course will stir up both of the lower classes and will give 1907 some old scores to wipe out on November 7.

Our Site and the New Building.

The controversy opened by abutting property holders when the moving of the Institute was advanced, is a subject to which THE TECH has carefully avoided reference. It was felt that until the merits of the case had been decided, whatever comment could be offered on the progress of the matter would not be free from a charge of partiality. Now that the legislature and the Governor have approved of the Institute's stand, it has been decided to give a brief résumé of the matter and an explanation has seemed desirable.

It is nearly a year since a bill was introduced into the legislature to deed to the Institute the land upon which the Rogers and Walker Buildings are situated. A glance backward will illustrate the necessity of this action. In 1861 a legislative act was passed, providing for the use of two-thirds of this square of land by Technology. If the college officials could satisfy the Governor and the Council within one year that they were fully organized and possessed a fund of at least \$100,000, they were to be allowed the use of the land rent free, and the perpetuity of this condition was assured. Only one-third of the land granted was to be thus occupied by buildings.

From the act of 1861 it will be seen that the Institute was merely located on the land, free of rental, but that all property rights remained vested in the state. Last winter it was decided that, as the land had been for forty years totally unproductive to the state, and as it would be of immense value to the Institute, the bill proposing the entire transfer of the land should be introduced. This was equivalent to a gift of about \$2,000,000. Assuming that the Institute intended the sale of the land, the abutters, the value of whose property has become highly inflated by its proximity to a public square, and to