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No Tech man who was present at the encounter with the police on Wednesday night can regard the action of the latter as other than brutal and entirely unjustifiable.

The rush for the steps after the parade had halted, was independent of any idea of attacking the police, and the gathering would undoubtedly have broken up quietly had our students been allowed to occupy the steps and give a few cheers before dispersing.

The police had evidently planned to suppress, by extreme measures, any trouble between Technology and Harvard. That they were warranted in keeping everyone from Rogers' steps, if at any time in danger of becoming a scene of disorder, cannot be denied. The fact remains, however, that there was no chance of contest with Harvard, and that therefore the occupation of the steps could have produced no trouble.

Common sense dictates that extreme measures be restricted until the last emergency, and that whoever is in charge, do his utmost to prevent their use.

In order to show most conclusively where the responsibility lies for the encounter, let us all do our part toward learning the facts in the case, and let all student action be in a cool and self-contained spirit.

May we express through your columns to Technology men our sincere appreciation of their manly conduct on the night of the Harvard Republican Club Parade. Their action during the episode at the Hotel Lenox has our earnest thanks.

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