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Monday, October 1, 1906.

Within the last few days the Freshmen and Sophomore Football Teams, the Cross Country Association, and the Tennis Athletics Association have started work. The Track Team follows in a few days, together with the Class Tug-of-War Teams. Many men come to the Institute with the determination to let athletics alone; they have failed their entrance examinations owing to too much activity in football or baseball at preparatory school, or they have heard stories of how terribly hard the work at the Institute is and feel that they should devote every minute to their studies. This is a mistake too often made and instead of not playing football, or tennis, and not running, the new men should take an active interest in the teams. The times of practice are arranged at convenient hours and instead of causing a neglect of the regular work, the out-door exercise adds greatly to the necessary store of energy. If a man finds that football tires him too much for study in the evening, there still remains for him the cross country runs, or tennis, and the tug-of-war. Besides the exercise, merely being interested in something is beneficial. A man won't become a grind as long as he has some interest outside of his studies, to work for and to think about. Therefore the Freshman should either try for a team or at least turn out and heartily support his class by showing plenty of interest and enthusiasm at the games.

If it is true that "wealth has wings,"

As some folks say,
We wonder why it does not fly
Sometimes Tech's way.

The 11-year-old Tufts freshman is undoubtedly entitled to the prize for the academic baby.

NEW RULES AT SYRACUSE.

Apropos of the recent rule regarding smoking, drinking, etc., that has caused so much consternation and comment among the undergraduates at Syracuse, the following editorial cannot but be of interest to those who are interested in the case:

"Whatever else may be said of Syracuse University, it can hardly be maintained that it is bidding for popularity. Last year it expelled from the dormitories all bulldogs that were rooming with its pupils. This year it has thus early served notice that hereafter no free scholarships will be given to students who use tobacco or attend the theatre or frequent drinking places or pool rooms.

"There may be reason in all this and some observers are commending the seat of learning mentioned for its 'high moral stand,' but at a distance it looks as if it might be rather discouraging to impecunious, but spirited and sensitive young men. It is this disposition to emphasize poverty, to point at it and render it conspicuous, that makes poverty unpopular and is responsible, in a measure at least, for persons like Mr. Rockefeller and the late Russell Sage. The Syracuse undergraduate who does not smoke will be immediately branded as an undergraduate who cannot afford to smoke; he is constantly brought face to face with the line that separates him from the son of the rich father. It might be urged, perhaps, that if the impecunious student is not willing to forego luxuries he should not accept financial assistance; but by many tobacco is regarded as a necessary; and if that view of the weed is correct, why not go a step further and cut off butter from bread and molasses from cakes? Thousands would rather go without butter and molasses than be deprived of tobacco—at least some butter and some molasses."

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