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THE TECH announces the election to the Business Staff of R. W. Parlin, '07, and A. Blake, '09. Mr. Blake has been granted leave of absence for one year.

Since the few episodes of the opening week, the two lower classes seem to have let the idea of Field Day drop, and that much vaunted class spirit be dispersed to the four winds. The support given by members of the classes to the teams preparing for the contest on November 16, has been wretched. Few seem to realize that this contest is for the honor of having the class numerals engraved on the handsome Trophy Cup presented six years ago by Samuel Cabot, an Alumnus and member of the Corporation; and these few working manfully, but in small numbers, with dormant classes behind them, can accomplish little. This honor so highly prized by previous classes, will be but half deserved.

As to the Freshmen, that small burst of enthusiasm which followed their dinner at the Tech Union, has died away, and a state of peace or indifference has settled down over the newcomers. The spirit shown, was evidently nothing more nor less than a case of the *Rah Rabs*; for in the three weeks that have followed no effort has been made to turn out teams that will make Field Day a success. Not only a lack of interest is evident, but there is open dissatisfaction on the part of some, and so far no advances have been made toward an amicable settlement. If the lack of harmony is between the candidates and the management, this should be easy to settle, as the team's victory means success for the class; not the manager. If it is among the candidates, the Class of 1910 is surely establishing a precedent when the members let petty troubles stand in the way of a class victory. These should be postponed until after Field Day. In a case like the present where it is a question of expediency more than of right or wrong, both the management and the candidates should bear in mind their duty to the class and Institute and settle the matter satisfactorily and quickly. This may seem an insignificant affair, but at present, when it is difficult to get sufficient men for the teams, every obstacle, however small, should be removed.

The Sophomores know from last year's experience the necessity of

enthusiastic support of the teams, and in this direction they deserve some reward. But to achieve success capable leaders must be elected, men who can work for the class, make preparations for Field Day, and make the victory, if gained, of some moment afterwards.

Nominations have been open for a week and so far only three candidates have been proposed, with eight offices to fill. How such a condition can have developed in a class that displayed so much promise last Field Day is anything but evident.

The Athletic Association decided Monday that the Assistant Track Manager should be chosen by competition from the Sophomore class. Track is admittedly the most important branch of athletics in the Institute. The managership of the Track Team is then a position of first importance and well worth trying for; and the Assistant Manager has the best opportunity to become Manager by displaying his ability for the position. And yet, if the office is to be awarded by competition, it seems that the Athletic Association must open the contest to other classes, unless 1909 shows more decided interest at once. One candidate cannot compete. Can a body pervaded by such a spirit gain any successes as an organization?

### CIVIL ENGINEERING SMOKER.

The Civil Engineering Society of the Institute will hold a smoker at the Tech Union on Saturday evening next, at eight o'clock. Professors Swain, Porter, Allen, and McKibben will be present and the meeting will afford an excellent opportunity for all Course I men to meet the professors of this department. A cordial invitation is extended to all men taking Courses I and XI. Freshmen are especially invited.

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