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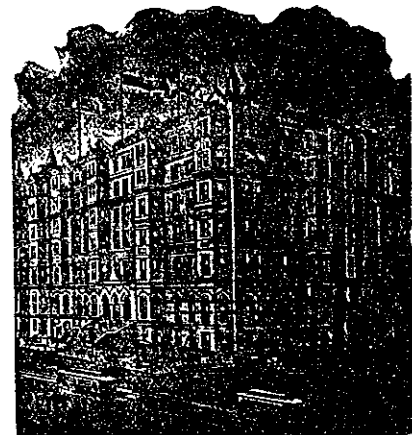
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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

In the last issue of THE TECH there appeared under the head of "Communication" an article that placed a Junior in a very false position with the student body of Tech. This Junior was charged with using obscene language when addressing a Freshman Class Meeting. The charge is so preposterous that it seems almost ridiculous to give it a formal reply, but so that no one can labor under the misapprehension of the real state of affairs it might be said that the language to which the Freshman took exception was merely of the general type that is meted out to lazy and indifferent Freshmen before Field Day. Although the occasion undoubtedly called for vigorous terms, which were used, there was nothing in the talk bordering on the obscene, a word which was probably used by the correspondent while ignorant of its meaning.

The point of view from which the Freshman criticised the talk is not one that will commend itself to the other members of his class. If the Class of 1910 is so unfortunate as to contain a few members who are so unpatriotic that they will neither come out for their class teams, nor take their medicine when they are condemned for their neglect, they should be discouraged by their classmates from expressing such undesirable sentiments in public. From the treatment given the subject in hand, we infer that the author has not absorbed a superabundance of Tech spirit. Doubtless by the time he has been here a little longer he will realize that a role of silence is much better suited to his position than that of presuming to criticise a man who is superior and senior.

Fortunately for 1910 the sentiments expressed by their correspondent is not representative. Most of the Freshmen want to win Field Day at any cost, and do not object to a scolding once in a while if it serves to jar them out of their complacent self sufficiency. President Elwood said that he believed that the talk was just what was needed to stir the class out of its apathy. It is certain that the results of the talk were beneficial, as it nearly doubled the number of men who reported for practise for the various class teams.

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sufficiently clear to the students at large what the truth is in regard to this matter, and to the correspondent in particular what will be expected of him in the future. We might suggest that there is still water in the frog pond, and that men who exhibit a tendency to misapply their literary genius might be shocked into seeing things in the proper perspective by an immersion in it. Such treatment has been known to have been given Freshmen by members of their own class as well as by upper classmen when the occasion demanded it. The present case would seem to justify almost any course.

One of the results of the long deliberations of the rules committee last winter and the agitation that led to those long deliberations was to emphasize the need of officials being watchful and strict if the game was to be improved. The officials have heeded all this, and the officiating this season in the main has been more careful, more strict than previously. The result is a greater respect for and adherence to the ethical side of the game on the part of players. The formal cognizance taken of the matter of officials by the rules committee has imparted a more recognized and dignified standing to officialdom, and doubtless has served to make officials feel that there is more responsibility as well as security in their work—this even though the majority of men who officiate at football games are actuated less by the remuneration than by a desire to lend a helping hand in promoting the welfare of the sport.

The football umpire or referee must be active, prompt, fair, and fearless. He has to be Johnny on the spot, has to cover as much ground as any of the players, and on the referee's judgment in blowing his whistle for a down depends to a large extent the prevention of needless piling up on a player.

Dartmouth, Williams, Wesleyan and Brown have formed a basket ball league. Curtis Plummer, '07, manager of the Dartmouth basket ball team, was elected president of the association.

The enrollment of students at Brown this year is as follows: Graduate students, 102; seniors, 120; juniors, 136; sophomores, 149; freshmen, 167; specials, 51; total, 623. These figures do not include the enrollment in the women's college.

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