SENIOR CAPS AND GOWNS.

Indorsement by Faculty Only Necessary to Effect Removal of Bicentennial Insignia

If the Faculty sanctions the proposal, the Seniors this year will wear caps and gowns at their graduation ceremonies during the week has decided this week on a vote taken as a rider on the Senior Portfolio elections held in the most matter-of-fact fashion with no formality by the Faculty. The bicentennial insignia was made in 1875, when the degrees were conferred at commencement exercises held in Huntington Hall, at which a number of the graduate students read passages of their choice. From this year to year more and more ceremony has been added until now Commencement Week is a round of gaiety.

The question of wearing caps and gowns has been brought up before the Senior classes for the past five years and has been discussed by each class at a large vote. The opposition during this time has gradually weakened until now there is a constant influx of men from other colleges where the custom prevails. The only time that an action of this kind was taken by the graduating class at the Institute was one year when it was voted that the Senior yearfalls hats. This, however, was not carried out, as a large number of men refused to abide by the vote. The main reason that the Senior classes never left the Faculty to their own devices is that they did not wish to ape other Universities. The Institute has always stood for old fashioned ways of its ancient customs and to take up this custom would be decaying from other schools. The consent of those in favor of the custom has been the democracy of the dress, the cap and gown placing one man on equal footing with another in the uniform of courtesy.

How this decision will be treated by the Faculty is not yet known. Senior men over the desk in our registrar's office in the most matter-of-

Huntington Hall, at which a commencement exercises held in the most matter-of-

FACULTY NOTICES.

Third Year, Course X.—Machine drawing. First seven in the Harvard-Tech-News.—Senior Portfolio Committee Authorizes an Institute

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Captain Gould and Manager Kelly have been working hard to form plans for the season, but as things are very unsettled both in regard to games and the members of the new team. A challenge from West Point to play in February second has been accepted, and a number of other games are being arranged. The team should have excellent chances in this game for it will have the mid-year vacation during which to get in form.

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Mr. Malense's absence made it impossible to arrange a meeting until recently, when the question came up before the Advisory Council. The time between now and the holidays does not permit it being run off before Christmas, and the regular inter-class meet will be held on January 12. Another objection that was raised to getting the meet off before Christmas was that it would open the indoor track season too early. The track team this year already has a long and hard schedule, and so it was not deemed advisable to start them off too soon.

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