DEFEATS SPRINGFIELD TRAINING SCHOOL, TAKES ALL OF HIS BOUTS.

There will be a meeting of all candidates interested in objects of the "physician's profession" at the Tech Cage, tomorrow evening, at seven o'clock. This is important that all who desire a part shall be present at this time, for the play will be opened and candidates will be given the usual opportunity to choose the parts which they desire to try for. The names and addresses of all present will be taken. There is an unusually good and the good dramatic personæ in the Show and several exceptionally desirable parts are available. The chorus, as heretofore, will afford a place for those whose inexperience would make them unavailable for principal parts.

TRAINER VS. PHYSICIAN.

John Mahan, Tech's instructor in athletics, takes issue with Dr. E. H. Nichols of Harvard on the adverse criticism of the methods of the "trainer." In the current issue of the Medical and Surgical Journal, Dr. Nichols contributes an estimate of the professional trainer's theory of training, claiming it the rule of thumb and the whole system, as it is explained in very infirmity, crude, and without scientific basis. Mr. Mahan ventures to point out the value of tact, intelligence, and experience in the handling of athletes, and presents his view of the wide differences between the work of the physician and that of the athletic director.

Mr. Mahan's statement, as published by the Boston Herald, is as follows:

"There is no accurate basis for training a man in athletics, and never can there be. Because there is no accurate rule there is no accurate method. The method must differ just as much as the physician, and the difference must be the method. And when the difference is not the method, the result is failure. This is the only unanswerable which the training of an athlete has to the medical profession. The work of each is along different lines of thought. One is the professional work of a craftsman; the other a treatment of the well and the strong.

The physician's profession is classified and mapped out and made a life's work for him. And the man who directs the work or the exercise or play of the healthy and strong should have his work mapped out and made his life's work, and until this is done, there will continue to exist the great evil of haphazard, which now exists in the direction of our school and college athletics and sports.

"What type of man is the surest to reach the highest point of success either in the athletic director's or the physician's profession? It is the man of tact and the man of instinct, or in the physician's profession, the man who is able to carry laws, but applied along very irregular lines -- those which must differ just as much as the physician and the difference must be the method. And when the difference is not the method, the result is failure. This is the only unanswerable which the training of an athlete has to the medical profession. The work of each is along different lines of thought. One is the professional work of a craftsman; the other a treatment of the well and the strong.

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