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Monday, March 4, 1907.

President Roosevelt in his speech at the Harvard Union gladdened the hearts of a great many Harvard men with his defence of football. His stand, that in so much as preparatory schools have proven able to keep the game clean and above criticism the colleges should be able to do likewise, should be food for a great deal of thought. He would have the college authorities interfere when interference is necessary, "making this interference as little officious as possible, and yet as rigorous as is necessary to achieve the end." and would above all else never abolish a game because it is a rough form of athletics. The President has shown a tendency to meet on an equal basis rather than to try to lead undergraduate opinion. He talked at Cambridge not only to the students but to the Faculty and the graduates as well, and he hit the nail on the head.

It is the graduate who makes business of the undergraduates' play that causes most of the trouble in college athletics. Left to itself the preparatory school instinct of fair play and sportsmanship will not wear itself out in four years of college life unless it is ground down by the objectionable "officiousness" of older men who wish to lead in a field that has long since been closed to them. The President realizes that the young men who are having their play-spell know how to conduct that play as well as the men who are having work-spell know how to conduct that work. He is willing to meet the college athlete and the younger men of the college world on that basis, giving them the advantage of what he knows of play and its influence on after life. He didn't carry the "big stick" with him to Cambridge, at least to use

on Harvard athletics, because he realized that you can't club American boys into being honorable in their sports. They are that by instinct already.—*Boston Herald.*

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

1909 *Technique* is sure of a safe cruise, if the crew that will man the good ship work with the same unselfish motives that have so far inspired those who assisted in its launching. Hitherto the arrangements for the election of the Electoral Committee have been made by the class itself, but this year it appears that in the rush of modern times, such a method has become obsolete, and some kind person or persons unknown, have unselfishly taken upon themselves this arduous task of arranging for the election. The facts that no one has the right to make such arrangements, without class sanction, and that they are spending class funds without authorization, dwindle into insignificance when compared with the nobility of the undertaking of lifting this burden from the shoulders of their busy classmates.

That these benefactors have not disclosed their identity argues well for their modesty, as they undoubtedly fear that should they become known, they would undoubtedly be overwhelmed by the praise their class would be sure to bestow in payment for this act, which is almost beyond all praise.

H. L. SHERMAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

From the editorial in Wednesday morning's *TECH* it is evident that the object of the debating and current events club to be formed is misunderstood. The object of this club is not to encroach upon the Civic Club. The organizers of this club before deciding to organize a new club tried to see if it would be possible to gain their object by joining the Civic Club. They found that the Civic Club, although still existing nominally,

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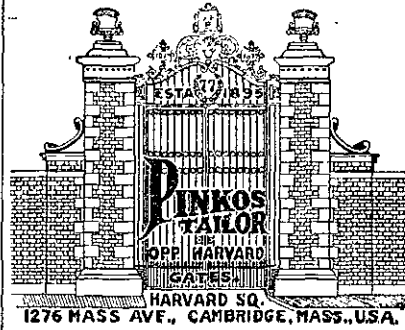
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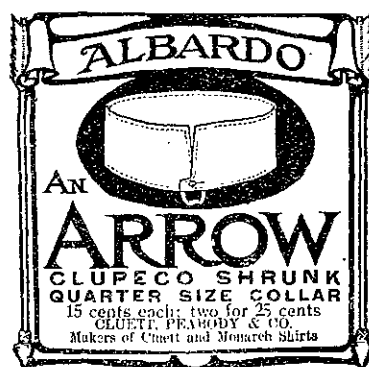
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