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M. I. T. A. MEMBERSHIP.

According to the section in the constitution of the new athletic association which reads, "The membership of this association shall consist of twenty undergraduates, five elected from each class with the exception of the sophomores, all of whom shall be chosen and managed of all varsity teams," it would seem that at present there are two vacancies. A. D. Morse a regularly elected member from 1910 and D. C. McDermott from 1910 have been elected members of varsity teams. It would seem that they cease to be club representatives as soon as they become members.

A provision should be made for an quorum of this kind. There should be an absolute either by the class or by the athletic association, of new representatives to fill these vacancies.

All undergraduates who have worn "T" should be members of the association by right of their insignia. Although this rule need not go into effect this year, it should be drawn up to go through this year, it should be drawn up to go into effect next year before the class elections.

It is probable under the present system that many of the wearers of the "T" will be elected to the class elections, but it is almost as probable that they will not be elected. At present there are a number of "T" men in the association, but there is also a number who are not members.

It seems absurd that there should be an unsanctioned association, which does not belong to its membership those men who have shown sufficient interest in athletics to win the Institute emblem. The vestments of the "T" are usually worn by men with experience in athletic meets, just the men who should be members of an association whose sole purpose is to direct athletics.

Of course this new rule would go to the track team a large number of representatives, but this is not more than right since, track is the principal sport at the Institute. Next year there probably will be few or no representatives from the football team, one or two from the tennis team, and perhaps none from the basketball team, in that team has a successful men, this year.

A LESSON.

A thorough lesson has been taught the Cross Country Team, that only after a season of work and hard training can any kind of a showing be made in the Inter-bouligue race. The spirit shown by the team was admirable, the one man the busiest and fastest was that he knew how to do it. Without the aid of this man we would not have had him to help in the front; without the aid of this man we could not have had the spirit; together with the training, the constant attendance at daily practices, as well as the hard work, makes themطب نفوس all of the work given them by the coach. This last the present team did not do. It will be well, remember this next year.

"FROSH" CHEER LEADERS.

One thing very noticeable at the recent meeting of the Cross Country Team for Princeton and the attendants choosing was the presence of the always-to-be-heard Freshman and Sophomore cheer leaders. One of the men that the Freshman, Frosh no be is called at many institutions, ought to sit in his hat, that his memory is "Don't be a cheer leader for upper-classmen." so you should Frosh have this motive in mind that he cannot forget when he becomes a blaitant Soph.

The fault did not lie wholly with the Frosh and Soph, but quite a little with the upper-classmen. Before the gathering there seemed to be no understanding as to who would have the cheering. The honor of this office, for it is an honor, has fallen on the presidents of the upper classes; Upper-classmen did take charge in a majority manner after five or ten minutes of cheering, but so encouraged had the young leaders become, from the sound of their own voices, that the real leaders had no show.

COMMUNICATION.

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