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Just now, when so many of the activities are calling for men to come out and give them support, perhaps it would be well to remind each man that primarily he owes it to himself to look out for his studies. No man who has a good record should hesitate to come out for that activity for which he feels best fitted. Indeed a man with a good record is not doing the right thing by the Institute if he just draws himself into a shell and grinds morning, noon, and night. Such a man ought to hustle around and mix in with the men who are doing their best to make undergraduate affairs successful. The man, however, who at mid-years did not get a satisfactory record should think twice, yes, three or four times, before he gets tied up in an activity that he is bound to stay with for the rest of the term.

Since September, 1908, when the new Union was opened to the student body, it has been the custom for every man to remove his hat upon entering the living room. All last year the men were very careful to respect this custom, and seldom could a man be seen in the Union with a hat on his head. This year, however, the men are apparently getting a little lazy and are becoming forgetful. At present there is seldom a time when some two or three men are not in the living room with their hats on. Such action is, to say the least, not polite, and does not show much regard for an Institue tradition. A little thought, a little care, would remedy this condition and lend more dignity to the Union. Take off that hat!

Last year, when Mr. Scharff, then a very prominent member of the class of 1909, invented the point system for preventing over-indulgence in the intoxicating spirits of student activities, he doubtless thought that upon its acceptance by the Institute Commitee and the classes, it would be enforced and respected by the student body. That this scheme is a good one is unquestioned, for it has the hearty support of the faculty, and has been adopted "in toto" by other colleges. What is the use, though, of launching such a scheme on the student body and having it approved by them if it is not to be respected? Why should some good, earnest men who, through capability or popularity, could hold positions counting much more than ten points resign from, or refuse election to, positions that would give them more than this number, if there are at the same time men who are carrying fifteen or eighteen points?

The system is complicated at best, and there may be many who think it unjust, but it has been adopted by the student body and requires the support of every student. If a man indulging in more than ten points hasn't enough nerve to reduce this number of his own free will then he should be required to do so.

Why doesn't the management of those activities that have men in them carrying more than the alloted number of points require their resignation?

How about some of the men in last year's show? How about members of the Technique Board going on the Musical Club's trip?

Although no anxiety has as yet been officially taken on the matter of the position of manager of the track team, it does seem that the proposition to give a man all the duties of the position of manager and only call him assistant manager is not quite right. If a man is filling a certain position he should be given the name that goes with that position. It does not make any difference whether that man is a lower classman or not; the principle should hold just the same. It is unfortunate that there is no junior to take up the work, but if the best and only man for the position is a sophomore, he should get that position and with it its appropriate name.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Forecast:

For Boston and its vicinity—Friday fair; moderate west to northwest winds.

For New England—Generally fair; colder; brisk west winds.

For Eastern New York—Fair, except snow in extreme north portion; moderate west winds.

Declaring that in the next ten years the New Haven railroad expects to spend $50,000,000 in the development of its transportation facilities in Massachusetts, and that in 15 years he believes the company will furnish light and will control all the water-power rights in every city on its lines, Vice-President Timothy Byrnes yesterday asked the legislative committee on railroads to aid the company to validate its securities in Massachusetts.

In addition to this information that the New Haven road hoped to become a gigantic light and power trust, Mr. Byrnes also "admitted" that Mr. Mellen wants the road to be a monument for him, and will so spend the $50,000,000 that the whole country will sit up and take notice of Boston.

New York, Feb. 11.—An International Aeronautical Meet has been arranged to take place next June. The movement was started by the Aero Club of Columbia University.

Boston, Feb. 11.—Mayor Fitzgerald intends to make the public meetings that he has been holding with the city council in different parts of the city, monthly affairs. The meetings will be similar to the regular "town meetings" and every tax payer will be given a chance to make complaints or advocate improvements. So far the meetings have been very successful.

The women operators and clerks in the employ of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company will soon share in the division of $200,000, which has been appropriated by the officials of the company to increase their wages.

Poughkeepsie, Feb. 11.—In Dr. Robert B. Lamb's annual report to the state prison commission, just published, he makes the statement that in the last three or four years there have been committed to the Matteawan State Hospital, half a dozen or more notable criminals whose cases are far removed from any well defined type of insanity.

Cambridge, Feb. 11.—Gardner, one of the star forwards of the Harvard hockey team, is out of the game for an indefinite period on account of cramps.

Norwood, Feb. 11.—Walter Cushing, M. I. T. 1910, died at his home in this town early yesterday morning after an illness of ten days. He was a prominent member of his class up to the time of his leaving the Institute last June. He was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity.

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