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BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 1910.

Dead! Absolutely dead!

The question of an honor system has received its final fatal blow at the Institute, at least until the vagaries of a new generation revives the issue. Perhaps conditions may be changed then, also, but for the present a system will not be indulged in.

As a final opportunity for those who wished the system, a ballot was published last week. Contrary to our expectations that the upholders of the system would be the only ones who would take any interest in the voting, the interest has been absolutely on the other side. All votes coming in said No in more or less tender mannerisms and they came from a pretty widely distributed field of years and courses.

In as much as the affair is now all over, it may be well to summarize the whole subject.

The Institute students have voted against the honor system not because they underrated honor, but because the system does not seem necessary. It is no more a disgrace to the honor of the Institute that a proctor or instructor is watching to see that all have equal rights than it is to the citizenship of our country to have policemen standing on the street corners.

The second and fundamental fault of the system is that its practice has been forced; it is an unnatural system; and the students have not understood or acted upon their responsibility to the whole in reporting their fellow students in college where the system is in use.

Although the matter of an honor system has now been disposed of, it is not essential that all questions of honesty or the conduction of exams, be dropped.

During this controversy many relevant matters have come up that are very worthy of attention. The first is the question of honesty in the examinations of history. It seems to be the general opinion that there is much cheating that goes on there. The reason that the feelings of fellow students do not prevent cheating here is because there is no general feeling that the subject is one that directly influences the specific training in the scientific or engineering courses. This being the case, the remedy necessary seems to be that proctors be used in

these exams. A good many feel that their honest work is not properly rewarded where others and do get better marks by using the book or notebook during the exams.

Another development that has been suggested is the further authorizing during exams. of any and all books a man may care to bring with him. Naturally this would be of no advantage in some courses, but there are many others where ability under the actual working conditions a man will meet when he gets out of the Institute will be thus tested. This scheme has been tried in several of the courses, and the opinions of both sides seem to favor its continuance.

The final development suggested has been that a little greater freedom be allowed in examinations. This of course depends upon the numbers of the proctors and their good nature. In other words, it is a question of balancing the desires of the proctors against those of the students.

Although some dissatisfaction has been expressed on the manner in which some acted during the pursuance of the honor system question, slight demarcations from decorum must be allowed for in the heat of the fight. Above all, no one should be afraid of the statement of opinions. If they are true they will stand in spite of all misplaced patriotic zeal, but if they are false their force will die a natural death.

"Requiescat in Pace."

## FINAL EXAMS.

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Year.	Subject.	Time.
3	Physiology, General 725	9-12
3	Surveying Adv. 303	9-11
2	Architectural History 490	9-11
3	Astronomy & Geodesy 308	9-12
3	*Highway Engineering 314	2-5
2	Mach. Tools & C. M. 360, 361, II, III, XIII	9-11
1	Mathematics 21	9-12
1	Mathematics 22	9-12
3	*Mathematics	2-5
1,2	Microscopy, Industrial 708	2-4
3	Organic Chemistry 592	9-12
3	Structural Design 538	9-12
2	*Surveying 300	9-12
2	Valve Gears, 360, 361, 362	2-4
3	Vertebrate Anatomy 717	9-12
2	Zoology 716	2-4
FRIDAY, JUNE 3		
3	*Architectural History 491	2-5
3	Indus. Water Analysis 567	9-10
1	*Mathematics 20	9-12
3	Microscopic Anatomy 722	9-12
2	*Physics 770, 1st term	9-12
2,3	**Precision of Measurements 772	2-4
3	*Steam Engineering 385	9-12
SATURDAY, JUNE 4		
1	*Chemistry 550	2-5
3	*International Law 185	9-11
2	*Mechanism 360, 361, 362, 364	2-5
2	Quantitative Anal. 558	9-12
2	Ship Construction 900	9-11
2	*Spherical Trigonometry 24	9-11
1	*Trigonometry 23	9-12

\*Condition Examination

### TREMONT THEATRE.

Direct from a run of 300 nights in Chicago, "One Girl in the Taxi," a clever French farce, was given its first Boston performance at the Tremont Theatre last night.

Like its "girl" predecessor, recently seen at the Boston Theatre, the production is a lively one, its "speed" fairly dazzling the audience. The fun, however, is fast and furious, and the piece is in the hands of capable players.

Heading the cast is Carter De Haven, who appears as a reckless youth who is "following in father's footsteps," while Miss Jeneatte Bageard is seen as Manette, "the girl in the taxi."

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