PRIVILEGED CHARACTER OF THE LIBRARIES

By DR. E. P. BIGELOW

Libraries are established for the two-fold purpose of culture and information. Culture has been defined by President Woodrow Wilson as, 'The intimate and sensitive appreciation of moral, intellectual, and spiritual values.' As a means of culture at the Institute, it behooves the cataloger the collection of books on English literature to be found in the General Library. This includes sets of the principal classical languages and much as it might be, and that the student is interested in Forestry, the place to find it in the Physical Library, and if one were not indicated by the names of the Library, etc. But there are other sub-

part Engineering Department, 3 Lowell; in the Library of the Electri-

Sanitary, and Mechanical Engineering; in particular subject; for example, in the

part of the Libraries of the Institute is devoted to information. All members of the Institute are aware, the books are arranged according to the system of classification by subjects, the first word of the title of the book indicating their place on the shelves. The principal entry for every book, except periodicals, is made in the catalog under the name of the author. It is, therefore, always best in looking for the book to look for the name of the author also. If the name is unknown, then look under the subject index. In some cases, the first word of the title is used. In this, the entry may be found looking at the first word of the title; but in most of the cases, the rules are followed under the first word of the title. Another point that may be mentioned is that in the General Library there is a place set aside for the works of officers of the Institute, which is sadly incomplete, owing no doubt, to the fact that officers are transferred every year. The Librarian will be pleased to except and record any contributions of officers' works received from those who have graduated from the Institute, and these, properly cataloged, will form an interesting and collecting valuable collection.

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is now existing. The greater the inter-
est taken in under-graduate competi-
tion, the more successful will we also be in "Varsity" lines.

The only sport this exercise which might be newly undertaken at the Insti-
tute is Hand Ball, and the Advisory Council are most encouraging the interest and hope to see its way clear to put up at least one court next fall.

The matter of compulsory gymnasium work has certainly accomplished good results and a closer affiliation between the gymnastic and athletic work would, I think, create more interest on the part of the Institute, and from what I have learned from conversations and also from reports of the gymnastic instructors, it is seen definitely that the participation of young men entering the Institute for the first time, and taking in their physical health and welfare.

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