I have expressed your opinion, put on the subject of the establish- ment of a honorary scholastic fraternity at the Institute. If not, what is the reason? The Ballot Editor reports that the Boston Post District and outside of the United States must be accompanied by postage at the rate of one cent a copy.

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THE TECH

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I noticed in one of the recent issues of THE TECH that you invited communications on the subject of the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi at the Institute. For several years a thing of this kind had been proposed but never met with much success: for one am much opposed to it for the following reasons:

1. We have enough grade societies at the Institute now. If a honorary scholastic society is established it will increase the tendency to "plug," a thing that the majority of the students of the Faculty are opposed to, and which is growing more and more cut of date every year. Whenever several members of the Faculty get a chance to talk in a group of students they preach the necessity of taking interest in other things besides studies, athletics, school papers, clubs, etc.

If a society is formed a great many men will be attracted to it and many of the cleverest men will strive for nothing else but the honor of being a Sigma Xi member, the student activities will fall into disuse, and especially the Institute, where they are only kept up by great efforts on the part of lively men, will gradually disappear.

2. If, on the other hand, it does not produce this effect, and the men who work for it are the men who do not go in for the various activities anyway; a great many men that desire to be members will not be elected, and men that have worked for the Institute in other ways besides studying will be placed below the level of men that have done nothing but grind for four years.

The fact is that the Institute has fourteen different courses, a man may be exceedingly bright in his one special branch of work and be accepted membership. After he leaves the Institute the fact that he is a Sigma Xi man wins him favor. Afterward it is discovered that he is a clever man but narrow, a thing one cannot be and succeed in these liberal days. Why not show some interest further than that they are not interested?

We hope that everyone will seri- ously consider this matter and express his opinion on one of THE TECH ballots before the week is over.

HONORARY SCHOLASTIC FRATERNITY BALLOT.

Are you in favor of the establishment of an honorary scholastic fraternity at the Institute?

Name ___________________________ Class __________________

Ballots are due at the Lower Office of THE TECH before 1 P. M., December 16, addressed to the Ballot Editor.