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While the action taken yesterday by the Nominating Committee is cer-
tainly a constitutional way out of the difficulty, in our opinion it leaves something to be desired in the way of justice. With the decision to hold complete new nominations we have no fault to find; it is clearly the only solution in strict accordance with the constitution. The totally needless trouble and delay which will be caused is to be laid at the door of our system of adopting class constitutions with out, as it were, giving the matter a second thought. This was discussed in this column two days ago.

But there is another matter which should have received the attention of the meeting; namely, the specific ex- ponent of the ballots for the new nominations which were placed by the action of the go verning board. They have not stated the complete satisfaction of all un-prejudiced readers that they acted throughout with perfect sincerity and honor. It would seem that the work of the meeting was not finished with out the complete removal of the stig ma which attaches to the dissolution of a committee on a serious suspi cion, even when the latter proves senseless.

The final motion, as originally made, did indeed include a provision designed to exonerate the committee, printed that the new nominees should be entrusted to them; but this was withdrawn on the showing that the matter was beyond the jurisdiction of the Institute Committee. We think something in the nature of this pro vision should have been retained, if only as a recommendation, for the reason we have stated.

A charge of dishonesty in office should certainly not be even hinted at unless its sponsor has proof to back it up. For less when all the data tends to show the contrary. Such a hint was dropped by an excited par ticipant at a meeting of the Institute Committee, at the meeting yesterday. That the non-partisan present regarded the charge as ridiculous was shown by the succeeding discussion, and we believe every impartial hearer thought as we do that the remark was, to say the least, in very poor taste.

MORE ANONYMOUS GIFTS

FOR THE INSTITUTE

Half Million Given For Buildings Endowment For Electrical Laboratories.

President R. C. Macaulay announces today that two new gifts have come to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from anonymous donors; sums of half a million dollars, respectively. The gifts were tendered shortly before the meeting went abroad in August, but not announced till now. There is an un derstanding that the half-million is to be used for the buildings while the hundred thousand has no restriction whatever.

It has become quite the fashion for interested men to give anonymously to Technology, and since the name of Mr. Smith has been associated with the greatest first one of two and one-half million dollars for the new build ings, the others may perhaps hail from the same great family. The second "Mr. Smith" gave to the Summer Session Camp a sum about fifty thousand dollars—which to build the permanent structures, while the third and fourth bring the record of anonymous gifts up to three million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Other gifts of the year include the endowment of above one hundred thousand for the endowment of the Electrical Research Laboratory, in July the Speare bequest of five thou sand, in September the will of Francis Bartlett named for the Institute one hundred thousand subject to certain contingencies, while the alumni fund has passed by considerable the half-million mark.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Will you kindly print the following communication to the men of the Sophomore Class?

With better weather now, I want more men out for Tug-of-War. Every man who was out last year, as well as every other man interested, and for some other event, should report. Practice will be held today (Wednesday) at 4 o’clock at the Gym.

Kenneth M. Sally, Manager.

It is incumbent on Engineers to be come versatile, cultivated men. If we cheapen ourselves by avoiding or dering these subjects which educate us as men, because we cannot see that they aid us as bread-winners, our profession is not little more than a trade. We will receive lower money than our lawyers and surgeons, and our opportunity for high service will be lessened.—Shenon.

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