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Financial Campaigns and the T. C. A.

ONE of the requisites to the successful manipulation of a financial campaign for voluntary subscription is a rapid and thorough canvass of all possible subscribers. In the recent effort to raise funds for athletic purposes the meagre success may be attributed to just that lack of concentrated effort at the outset. Beginning tomorrow and extending over a period of three days the Technology Christian Association will undertake to secure, by subscription and by pledge, enough money to carry on its very important work for the present Institute year. For the furtherance of this service the efforts of a number of able men have been enlisted and there is every indication to believe that good business-like methods applied to a worthy cause will effect a favorable result.

THE behavior of those rampant freshmen Saturday night who paraded across the Harvard Bridge and tempted fate in the murky depths of Washington Street and Scollay Square, should disabuse any Tech grad of the idea that the transplanting of the Institute to Cambridge has vitiated or in any way impaired the old "Tech-on-Boylston-Street" spirit.

A Possibility

THE decision of the Institute Committee to allow their Tech Night Committee to tax the purchaser of each ticket twenty-five cents, to cover expenses and provide a surplus for athletics, suggests a solution of our athletic chimera. At two hundred and fifty or three hundred dollars a throw, run as many Tech Nights as are required by our expanding demands, or, better still,—buy out Keith's every Saturday night and establish wholesale schedules.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB RECEPTION

Charles Hurrey to Speak

At the temporary Union Dining Room, Building 2, Thursday evening, October 19, at 7.30, the Cosmopolitan Club will gather for a social hour and business meeting to start the year. This will be more than either a business meeting or mere chance to get acquainted; Mr. Hurrey of the "International Committee on Friendly Relations with Foreign Students" has been secured to speak on the student situation in America with especial reference to the cooperation between American and visiting students. Dean Burton will speak for the Institute and Professors Seaver and Wickenden will add their thought. The Cosmopolitan Club is inviting students from Harvard and other schools. Refreshments will be served, and the invitation is to all foreign students in the Institute, and to American students who are especially interested in the Club. The plans for the year will be decided at this time.

NOTICE.

WANTED—Student to do small lettering in oils. Apply to the Superintendent of Buildings and Power.

SOPHOMORE FOOT BALL

More Men Needed to Give Squad Scrimmage Practice

There remain scarcely three weeks before the Field Day game and Manager Gibson takes this opportunity to make a final call for candidates for the Sophomore football team. Two elevens are needed very badly as the team's weakest point is its lack of scrimmage practice. Scrimmage has been impossible up to this time because of the few candidates.

The 1919 football squad has increased considerably since the Sophomore smoker and some good line material has reported for practice. However there is still need of more men, especially back-field men. There will be two, possibly three, games before Field Day; one with Newton High and one with the Harvard 2nd freshmen. The opponents of the third game are still undecided. The squad came out of the hard Lynn game in good shape; only one man injured. Practice will be held every day this week at the field from 4.00 to 6.00 o'clock.

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The Lounger has had called to his attention the fact that a number of the Institute Faculty are active members of a thriving organization known to those who come in contact with it as the "Rule 74 Society." The dues, according to the constitution, are all overdues of several minutes daily. A list of the charter members and of their titles to membership is appended:

- President, Professor Warren—Friday, 9-10. Five minutes.
- Vice-President, Professor Johnson—Friday, 11-12. Six minutes.
- Secretary, Professor Armstrong—Wednesday, 10-11. Five minutes.
- Standing Committee, Professor Riley—Friday, 9-10. Five minutes.
- Professor Hudson—Friday, 10-11. Four minutes.
- Professor Gill—Thursday, 2-3. Five minutes.

The total overtime thus garnered from an average of sixty "lectures" by the active membership of the club is seen to be thirty minutes—a very fair period in itself. The Lounger on a previous occasion made passing reference to the misdemeanor of diluting that necessary evil, the lecture, to the consistency of a "water solution of H₂O," making the student undertake a painful process of sorting to separate the grain of essential fact from its inevitable accompaniment of over-worked anecdote, flimsy speculation, and questionable repartee. Technology men, like other quaffers of the Pierian, are wont to list with respect, if not with veneration, to the recalling of the ante-bellum jest. They are willing to make noble and musically convincing attempts to laugh on the conclusion of the aforementioned joke, and settle down with resignation to hear the next. But when the news penetrates to their hitherto benumbed brains that all the irrelevancies are sure to be taken out of their examination standing unless they pay for it in ten per cent. overtime, even the most hardened rise in revolt. For, as the new Scriptures have it, "Though a man walk out on the Prof. at lunch-time, if the next day an exam. be given on the important fact which the Prof. waited till the end of the hour to mention, it shall avail him nothing." (See M. I. T. Bible.)

As an example of the extremes to which the vicious practice of self-advertisement in lecture hours is carried, The Lounger feels obliged to recite the following action committed by an officer of the Overtime Club, whose pugilistic propensities evidently equal his teaching talents. In the course of a lecture in Huntington Hall, where the pedagogue referred to was attempting to illuminate verbal darkness with the use of lantern slides, an innocent furniture mover, impelled by the blind cruelty of fate, entered the resounding auditorium. He carried a painting, a childhood pastoral, intended by pitying curriculum-writers for the gaze of Course IV when overcome with excess of knowledge. In entering, the unfortunate yokel left open the door, and a shaft of daylight—the first illumination the subject had been given—fell on the screen. The professor, with mil-

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