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A PROBLEM OF THE N. E. I. A. A.

AT A RECENT meeting of Technology's Advisory Council on athletics the matter of asking Dartmouth to withdraw as a member of the New England Association was again proposed. Opposition to the Hanover Track Teams does not come from any feeling of chagrin or discontent arising from the series of brilliant victories of the Dartmouth men. The conflict arises solely from the diminished prestige of the New Englands as the direct consequence of such one-sided scores as have been prevalent the past five years.

Interest in any athletic contest is proportional to amount of genuine competition it engenders. Dartmouth by reason of her wealth of athletic material has been able not only to maintain a marked superiority over her New England rivals but has been able to place herself in an important position in relation to the strongest eastern colleges. And this holds true for their other teams as well as the track teams.

The fact is briefly this—Dartmouth has grown too large for the New England colleges, and is now placed in a position where she can establish a precedent, one that could be followed by any of the other colleges when they reach a superior position in the domain of athletics. This seems to be a logical solution for the problem which now faces the members of the N. E. I. A. A.—that of lack of interest in their meets because of Dartmouth's almost supreme strength.

COMMUNICATION

October 25, 1916.

To the Editor of The Tech:
Dear Sir:

The Tech has been such a good friend of mine that I hate to quarrel with it in any way, but the article in regard to the Presidential vote is so unjust to me that I must ask for a publication of my version of it. In the beginning I wish to acquit the writer of any intention to misrepresent me, for I know no such intention existed.

A few days ago while I was passing through the lobby I was stopped by a member of the Tech Board and asked for my vote in the Presidential campaign. My supposed answer to that question is published in Monday's issue and does me grave injustice.

First, I knew that a "straw vote" was being taken and had no idea that more than my vote was being asked for. It seems fair that had my opinion been wanted for publication it should have been so stated and I been given a chance to state it formally. As it is I am quoted as saying something I did not say and could not have said and yet the matter rests on a question of recollection between myself and the questioner.

Second, what I am quoted as having said would be such a gravely irregular utterance for an Army Officer to make that had he made it and if it came to the notice of higher authority he would be subject to serious reprimand or even more drastic action might be taken. Leaving my own case out of the question it would be practically impossible for any Army officer of over thirty years' service to make such a remark even in private involving the President.

Third, while I do not fear any consequences, for even should the matter come to the notice of higher authority I should have an opportunity to explain. I do object very, very much to having Technology think that I would so express myself in regard to a matter in which there is so much room for honest difference of opinion. I have been a life long Republican and believe thoroughly in the principles of that party and shall vote for the party not on account of any criticism of Mr. Wilson, for in many of the things for which he is most criticised I believe he did the best possible, but simply because I thoroughly disbelieve in the fiscal and other policies of his party. I am, however, very far from believing that anyone who disagrees with me is a fool. Furthermore, I have always disbelieved very strongly in any disrespectful crit-

icism by paragraph, cartoon or otherwise of those holding high office by the right of election. When we ridicule them we detract from our own dignity and that of our country. With their acts and policies we may disagree in a dignified way, but the office is entitled to respect.

I cannot see where I am to blame except in not having treated the matter more formally and in having answered in a joking way, having no idea, and I believe I was justified in so believing, that more than my vote as one of many to be counted in the total was desired. What happened was substantially this, although I could not vouch for the exact use of every word as a quotation. I was asked whether I would vote for Wilson or Hughes. In reply I said laughingly, "I should think you could look at me and answer that, just as one says do I look like a Democrat or Republican or Pacifist or Militarist or most anything else. It happened that the questioner was an ardent Republican, which I did not know at the time, and he answered, "Then I know you are for Hughes," and I nodded and went on. Now I submit that this is very different from what I am quoted as having said. Had the questioner been of the opposite faith he probably would have guessed wrong and I would have had to inform him, but I feel very certain that he could have found no offense in what I said even then, and he certainly would have had a good right to feel offended had I made the remark quoted, and I believe those that know me best at Tech will acquit me of even risking a remark that might be offensive to a student questioner.

I hate to take up all this space and to take up the matter at all and accuse so good a friend as The Tech of having unjustly misrepresented me. The quotation as printed was simply the interpretation of a harmless joking remark clothed by an ardent partisan in the vigor of youthful hyperbolic expression. In its dressed up form it may represent his idea, but it certainly does not represent mine and imputed to me may easily seem offensive to those of opposite political faith and in extremely bad taste coming from one in my position even by those of the same political leaning.

EDWIN T. COLE.

To the Editor of The Tech:
Dear Sir:

May I suggest that the students exercise more care and show regard for the hats that are usually placed in the racks in the chairs during recitation hours. It is certainly very discourag-

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S. MANN, '18.

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