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CONCERNING H. C. L. AND COOPERATION

H. C. L. has been maligned, berated, and abused so roundly during the past ten years that it is no wonder that we grow more appreciative of his back-thrust in these peculiar times. What has he done? He caused food prices in this country to rise over eighty per cent in the period from 1896 to 1912—

The reason for the ill that H. C. L. occasions has been attributed to many causes—ranging from lack of transportation facilities to overdressing on the part of the citizens. To eliminate the tendency toward higher prices various means have been devised, cooperation being the one which has the telling effect.

A NEW PROPOSITION

ATTENTION is directed to the communication appearing in the news columns of this issue. The striking distinctions proposed are important considerations and will require much discussion on both sides of the question before action is definite.

The sidewalk along Charles River Road still proves to be an irritable circumstance in an otherwise calm existence. It is passable while frozen, but when the thaw comes the way will be a veritable River Nile. The remedy is simple. Ashes are plentiful and comparatively cheap!

With the Intercollegiate meet at Philadelphia in view, and a successful season near its culmination, the students will do well to attend the last meet of the swimming team tomorrow evening. Cheer Technology to the appropriate conclusion of another whirlwind year of victory!

DEUTSCHER VEREIN ORGANIZED

Yesterday over 50 students interested in German civilization met and formed the temporary organization of a Deutscher Verein. Professor Vogel explained that many at the Institute were interested in the German language, literature and customs, and desired to learn to understand spoken German.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech.

Dear Sir:—

In line with the present improvement of the organization of activities, I should like to call attention to a fault that exists at present in athletic affairs—namely, the method by which insignia are granted.

In the minds of the undergraduates generally, track is regarded as the varsity sport. Other sports may rise and wane, but the performance of the track team is consistently of intercollegiate rank.

In contrast to this stability, we have the other sports—hockey, wrestling, tennis and swimming teams—whose careers are marked by eccentric flights from the depths to the heights and the usual return. Nevertheless, according to the Constitution of the Advisory Council on Athletics, it is now possible for contestants to get a "T" in the first three sports named, and only a few days ago your columns outlined similar ambitions on the part of the fourth.

To my mind, this condition should be remedied. Track as the only real major sport should be the sport to receive the six-inch varsity "T". The insignia of the other sports, which I call minor, should be a four-inch varsity "T" surrounded by a circle five inches in diameter.

As regards the conditions of the awards, the following plan might prove successful: The present "aTa" which is now used by the track team exclusively should be granted to every man who represents Technology in intercollegiate competition, in a recognized athletic sport.

In this manner we shall have more insignia granted, but the emblem will not lose its dignity. We shall therefore have more interest in athletics generally. Every man, no matter what sport he is competing in, will have a chance to win his "T"—but by the simple act of gazing at the emblem that he wears upon his breast, the onlooker shall be able to determine whether he won it in a minor or a major sport.

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