HARVARD AND PROHIBITION

The Harvard vote on the prohibition last week, while last of a series of ballots to be taken among the more prominent universities of the country, seems to us to be fairly indicative of what will be expected in the results of the fall referendum at these and other institutions.

Certain factors creep in, of course, by reason of which there is little or no university of opinion. Look it will not be the least influential of these elements. The East is the wettest part of the country, most do not question the West. And those Western States which best prohibit as their founders and now naturalized law of legislation can hardly be expected to foresake their efforts in the direction of a better form. Then, too, the men and the nature of the lines along which they are trained to think, vary with the various schools of Harvard University, from the legal mind of the lawyer to the scientific train of thought, to the more policy-minded, to the academically inclined, as well, the results of the ballot were significantly similar. The only exception was the fact that the student in the South is likely against modification of the Volstead Act in its present form.

For our mind the most important phase of the vote was the overwhelming majority by which more rigorous enforcement of the prohibition amendment and the Volstead Act, to make prohibi-
tion an "actuality" was upheld, the vote being 148 to 94. It is true that of the 148 favor, 60, or about one third, also favored repeal or modification; or both; leaving 59 in favor of enforcement with out change in the statute as against 94 opposed. But the thing to note is that the majority upheld more rigorous enforcement for no longer, the present law might remain part of the Constitution.

As we have pointed out before, so long as a law exists, it is the duty of every citizen to respect it and abide by it. This thought seems to be supremely in the minds of most of the Harvard voters. In the future, of course, they might have been unimpressed had they voted to the contrary. Such will be the day of reenforcement if the thing they was at all the majority of the Harvard people decide to disregard its law and constitution. Sad not only for that nation, but the moral foundation of democracy is at stake here. It will be its superlative. Democracy may not be the best form of government, it is quite superior to all other forms of government, including Soviets, Bolsheviks, Tsarists, and other forms "which" so much to the advantage of the League of Nations. As we can urge any sovereign state to arrange the hands of those instruments of which it has accused itself most in the endeavor to reach its ends—the accord, the mediator, the armistice. As for monarchism, we have witnessed the tyrannies of Henry VIII, the "middle east" of Hohenzollerns, and the subjugation of Napoleon. For those nations which are qualified for it;—those whose peoples have attained a high degree of intellectual development— we think democracy, especially when in the form of a repub-
l, is the logical type of government. And the success of any democracy hinges on the absolute respect of its laws by the people. We are not taking any side on the question of liquor and beer. That can be decided at some future date. We do, however, consider the balloting to our point, which we oppose to enforcement the success or failure of prohibition. Modification of a law because it does not work is a cheap way of avoiding serious legislation in the first place, and sets a bad precedent as well. We believe prohibition can be enforced if its present form is abandoned. This fact has been demonstrated time and again, and now is the time for modification, if that is desired. Unless the question of the sanity of light wines and beer is closely examined by every unit, there is no logical way to enforce the Federal Government to enforce its statutes, this is the logical method of procedure.

COACH HAINES

This afternoon the student body will have an opportunity to see Coach Haines in action as such an event is an advance-
going in this country. The acquisition of Coach Haines affords Tech the opportunity of identifying its team with the other leaders in the country. It is good to have Coach Haines as an example before the student body. President Stratton has come out in full support of Coach Haines. He too will speak at the meeting. Enough has been said—be there!