WHAT are honorary societies for? Ostensibly for the rewarding of merit and the recognition of ability. In theory they propound ideals for the mind and spirit, which are embodied in some sort of slogans. Exclusiveness and a rigid standard to be observed at all times are the two fundamental ideals which alone should characterize such exclusive organizations, intrinsically, are praiseworthy and occupy an eminent and outstanding position in the educational scheme. We wonder if Tech's paper fleet will come under the category of such organizations.

Where is the eminence now? Under a deluge of numbers of opposition. In opposition to their fundamental ideals there is an emotional sentiment which promotes the idea that there are some changes which have been promulgated because it is the prevalent fashion to do so. There has been a hitherto foolish rush to establish new ones, and sometimes the saturation point was passed. This surfeit has tended to greatly diminish the prestige of those highly commendable organizations that we have and to reduce them to a position much below that which they formerly occupied. Honorary societies must be fostered but with quality and not quantity. They must not yet Elias Church's in quantity and nepotism-like in mediocrity.

We wonder if Tech's paper fleet will come under the 5-3-3 ratio now that it is growing so rapidly.

REAL SPORTSMANSHIP

It is a singularly pleasant task to discuss the splendid sportsmanship of the men at Amherst, which has prompted them to extend an invitation to our crew to come there almost a week before the Navy meet. They have asked the crew to be their guests from Monday, April 30, until after the race the following Saturday. The invitation will be accepted, and we shall probably be able to take advantage of the offer, since Juneau Weeks comes at the same time. It is hardly necessary to point out the tremendous hurling and rowing which will be in evidence, and with the comraderie and rowing in salt water. In case they have to row a single race, it will be very good.