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The total amount of the Income Fund on December 6, was reported to be \$180,000. Though this falls short of the quarter of a million which it was hoped to reach on December 7, when one considers that the appeal did not reach the Alumni until November 21, or later, the raising of \$80,000 in the fifteen days since that date must be acknowledged to be a notable achievement.

While a special effort has been made to make the amount of the Fund December 7 a fitting tribute to the founder of the Institute, this date, far from being the end, is merely a mile-post in the progress of the Fund.

THE INSTITUTE.

Criticism of December Number.

The current number of the *Institute* is by no means an insipid issue. Whether the various new departures and original ventures of a young periodical seem entirely advisable and successful or not, it is only of favorable augury that as many things as possible "be doing." The danger before a college magazine is that it becomes merely an amusement for a limited editorial board, written in conventional manner by a small number of too regular contributors, and barely supported by a lukewarm body of readers who read simply because the publication is official. The ideal of a college magazine is

that it be to undergraduates, graduates and officials the natural medium of discussion, of suggestion, of amusement and of record,—wherein the editor's difficulty is to find the space merited by the different contributions and the interests of the different classes of readers. This ideal the *Institute* in its three issues has made creditable efforts to attain, and has succeeded better, on the whole, even than the hopeful expected.

Of the general articles in the December number that on Harvard has, besides timely interest, a more special appeal to readers of the college community; the paragraphs on *Passing Events*,—rather carefully prepared, it would seem,—are properly subordinated. Of historical material, the accounts of the *Old Cane Rush* and of the last *Field Day* have value as refreshing for the older and contributing to the younger *Institute* readers information about Tech's traditions and not inglorious past. The steadily increasing volume and vigor of the articles of local interest is the best symptom of health in this still immature monthly. It is to be hoped that instructors generally will con-

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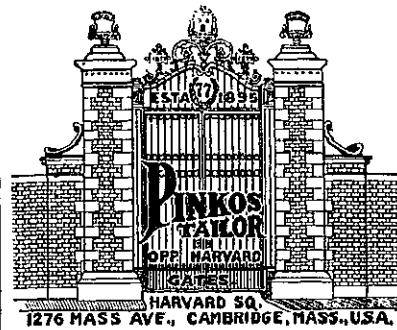
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