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The top of the morning and a Happy New Year to you.

That Tech has been refused admission to the Intercollegiate Fencing Association cannot but be regretted by all who have watched the progress of the team in the past few years. In the autumn the prospect was bright, but since then four of the seven members have decided that Tech's standing in athletics is not as high as required; that Tech is not a university and our athletics are not up to the standard of varsity athletics.

This, as all previous decisions by this association, is merely an evasion of the main point. The Fencing Association is not composed entirely of universities, as is shown by the fact that Annapolis and West Point are members and are the opponents to be most feared. Both of these are technical schools in a more strict sense than is Technology.

Our standing in the college fencing world ranks second to none of the universities whose teams we have met in the past two years, and among this number are Harvard, Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, and Yale, all of whom are or were members of the Intercollegiate Association.

Our best wishes are with the team, in the association or out, and we hope this year's team will have every success.

COMMUNICATION.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

EDITOR OF THE TECH:

Dear Sir—Through the medium of the communication columns of your esteemed publication we seek an answer to a question which has often puzzled us and, we are sure, many of the students who have frequented Rogers during the first three weeks of the term. When speaking to a lady in an official capacity, should

the hat be doffed? The diversity of opinion which exists upon this point is strikingly exemplified by the manner in which different students go through the formality of paying their fees. We would be the last to countenance the omission of any of those small acts of courtesy which custom has ordained shall be accorded to the gentler sex. But when one meets a woman upon a purely business basis, such marks of respect lose their significance and become merely mechanical. We admit that when confronted by such visions of personal pulchritude the desire to produce a good impression overpowers every other emotion. It will therefore be seen that this question, like many another, has more than one aspect, and an official answer to our query will remove at least one anxiety from minds already overburdened with care.

PERTURBED.

To raise such a question as that which has been thoughtlessly thrust before us, and at such a time, is the height of folly. Ought a gentleman to remove his hat—or whatever it may be—while he grudgingly pushes over cash to an individual who is termed by our ambitious interrogator “a vision of personal pulchritude?” Just what such a vision might be should be left to the imagination.

Does the inquisitive gentleman carefully remove his hat every time he buys a pencil in Mac's or when he meekly asks the price of a cake of soap in Siegel's famous emporium? It might be well also to wear a boutonniere always at such auspicious moments.

By all means the hat should be removed while paying fees, for is not removing the hat a sign of joy and who does not feel his heart thrill with inexpressible delight and pleasure as he hands his last nickle across the Rogers Corridor Bar? And if he is doubly blessed he may get a smile through the glass port-hole, and such a smile too. Men have died for less than that!

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