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The Chapel was a little previous. Friday was far too warm for a Hot Scotch.

Owing to the fire in the Chapel last Friday, Mac will start his annual fire sale of Tech Professor's books at noon today.

Just before this issue went to press, THE TECH received the following letter from the By Hockey Team management in regard to an article published in the issue of January 5:

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish you to rectify the misstatements made in your Friday editorial concerning the Hockey Team. Any statement that I had announced games in New York or during Christmas week is entirely false, as no such games had been arranged.

I also wish that you would state that the manager did all that was possible about a rink and did it as early as October. No official dates were given to any "Tech" man. Trusting that these corrections will appear in Monday's issue. I am

B. K. SHARP
m'n'g'r Hockey Team.

On Dec. 18 THE TECH published the schedule of the Hockey Team, which read, in part: "Dec. 29, St. Nicholas H. T. at St. Nicholas rink, New York. Dec. 30, Knickerbocker H. T. at St. Nicholas Rink, New York." The representative of THE TECH was given this schedule by a reporter of one of the daily newspapers, who had himself received it from the manager of the Hockey Team. It makes no difference to whom the "official dates" were given.

On Wednesday, December 13, at least three of the Boston daily newspapers informed the public that the Manager of the Technology Hockey Team had arranged a series of games to be played in New York during Christmas week. This fact was very much enlarged upon and given great prominence, because of this marked recognition of the Hockey Team by the two leading New York Hockey Teams.

Now that it has developed that no such games were ever arranged, as the Manager himself acknowledges, THE TECH can not see the object of the above letter, when we stop to consider that great discredit has been reflected upon Technology athletics by such inaccurate statements, no matter where published or to whom given.

The fact that the management made efforts to obtain a rink "as

early as October" and had not concluded the arrangements up to the time that the last issue went to press seems direct confirmation of opinions expressed last Friday in THE TECH.

As has been announced before, THE TECH wishes to have matters of interest and importance discussed through its communication columns. This is necessary in every community, but in none is it more essential than in a college or university where diversified interests and activities give opportunity for the development of a myriad of ideas. Every decision of the Institute authorities—and there have been matters of serious import to decide lately, and will be in the future—will be favorable or averse to our undergraduate interests according to the interest which students take in them. Whatever a man has to say, he has a rightful claim to a voice in the columns of THE TECH, provided always that the ideas set forth are reasonable and the argument is one which has for its object the welfare of Technology or its students.

We refer particularly to the large number of absurd personal discussions which have lately been sent in. These seem to be merely an outlet for the inventions of men who desire to amuse the readers with unimportant and improbable subjects. A man who hands in such an article as a communication is abusing the privilege extended to the student body as a whole; he tends to discourage those who would hand in opinions of importance and thereby works an injury to the Institute.

When THE TECH asks for your opinions, the request is rather for new ideas, or the expression of opinions hitherto unknown. The expression of an opinion takes but little time, and while the remarks may be of interest to but a very few, on the other hand they may disclose subjects of general importance. If any student has a grievance let him present it for consideration, if he has a word of praise it is his duty to express it. By such a free discussion of Institute affairs, the writer will profit by his own effort and Technology will profit by the result, while the paper endeavoring fully to represent undergraduate opinion will be more useful to its readers and to the college which it represents.

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