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In charge of this issue: D. C. McMurtrie, 1910.

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THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the election of Mr. D. C. McMurtrie, 1910, to the Board of Editors.

College spirit, as the term is generally used, is hard to accurately define. It exists at all times and shows itself in many ways. Such spirit is the thing that makes an honor system effective, or makes a man shrink from doing anything that would cast reflection on the name of his institution. It is the thing that prompts a man to play on the second football team for several years in order to help the varsity along. It is the thing that makes a man come out for the track team, which he may not have the slightest chance of ever making, simply for the sake of the example he may set to others more talented or more able than himself.

But this is not all. College spirit exists more in the whole body than in the individual. It shows up very clearly in the judgment of men. It is always ready to give credit for nerve, patriotism and unselfish endeavor, even though unrewarded by the crown of accomplishment.

The man with true college spirit does not ask "What can I get out of it?" but rather "In what way can I serve my college?" He is willing to give up anything to accomplish this desire. This occasionally leads to extremes that some people consider foolish, but when we see the way in which it lifts a man out of himself and makes him leave behind every whit of selfishness and meanness we cannot doubt its value.

Such a spirit Technology sadly needs, a spirit that will bring out

more candidates for the teams, that will make men try things without stopping to count the individual reward. As it is now Tech appreciates accomplishment alone. Let us give the due to those whose efforts deserve it, and let us remove from every branch of Institute activity that spirit of individuality which now exists. Let us be able to truly quote as our motto, fully realizing its meaning,

Not the laurel, but the chase,
Not the victory but the race.

When interviewed on the subject of the monorail type of railroad Professor Swain said, "It is too soon to comment intelligently upon an announcement of such tremendous significance. It needs the deepest thought and I am not yet in possession of the details. The idea of sending a heavy railroad train across a single steel hawser suspended over a deep and swift river is rather calculated to send shivers up and down one's spinal column."

"Seriously, though, the idea is a momentous one. If it can be demonstrated that such a railroad can be practically built to attain such a high rate of speed, with a minimum cost, it will change the railroad system of the world. There are a good many 'ifs' to be considered, however, and I prefer to wait for further information and demonstration."

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