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M. I. T. A. A. MEMBERSHIP.

According to the section in the constitution of the new athletic association which reads, "The membership of this association shall consist of twenty undergraduates, five elected from and by each class, and the captains and managers of all varsity teams," it would seem that at present there are two vacancies. A. L. Moses a regularly elected member from 1909 and D. C. McMurtrie from 1910 have been elected managers of varsity teams. It would seem that they cease to be class representatives as soon as they become managers.

A provision should be made for an exigency of this kind. There should be an election either by the class or by the athletic association, of new representatives to fill these vacancies.

All undergraduates who have won their "T" should be members of the association by right of their insignia. Although this rule need not go into effect this year, it should be drawn up to go into effect next year before the class elections.

It is probable under the present system that many of the wearers of the "T" will be elected in the class elections, but it is almost as probable that they will not be elected. At present there are a number of "T" men in the association, but there is also a number who are not members.

It seems absurd that there should be an athletic association, which does not include in its membership those men who have shown enough interest in athletics to win the Institute emblem. The wearers of the "T" are usually upper-classmen, men with experience in athletic matters, just the men who should be members of an association whose sole purpose is to direct athletics.

Of course this new rule would give to the track team a large number of representatives, but this is not more than right since, track is the principal sport at the Institute. Next year there would probably be two or three representatives from the fencing team, one or two from the tennis team, and perhaps several from the basketball team, if that team has a successful season this year.

A LESSON.

A thorough lesson has been taught the Cross Country Team, that only after a season of long, hard training can any kind of a showing be made in the inter-collegiate race. The spirit shown by the team was admirable, the men ran the hardest and fastest they knew how, but they failed because they had not behind them endurance, reserve strength. The reason of the success of previous teams has been that they have had the spirit, together with the training, the constant attendance at daily practice, at the hare and hound runs, doing thoroughly all of the work given them by

the coach. This last the present team did not do. It will be well, remember this next year.

"FROSH" CHEER LEADERS.

One thing very noticeable at the recent leave-taking of the Cross Country Team for Princeton and the attendant cheering was the presence of the always-to-be-heard Freshman and Sophomore cheer leaders. One of the maxims that a Freshman, Frosh as he is called at many institutions, ought to pin in his hat, etch into his memory is "Don't be a cheer leader for upper-classmen." So well should Frosh have this motto in mind that he cannot forget even when he becomes a blatant Soph.

The fault did not lie wholly with the Frosh and Soph, but quite a little with the upper-classmen. Before the gathering there seemed to be no understanding as to who would lead the cheering. The honor of this office, for it is an honor, has fallen on the presidents of the upper classes. Upper-classmen did take charge in a desultory manner after five or ten minutes of cheering, but so encouraged had the young leaders become, from the sound of their own voices, that the real leaders had no show.

COMMUNICATION.

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