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YOUR CHANCE TO SHOUT.

A call for Tech spirit at the Institute, a plea to support Tech activities by attending games and society meetings and trying to do something for Tech or your class, may be an old story but it is no joke. When our basket ball team plays a strong team from Worcester Polytechnic it seems a shame to have only 50 men out to root for them. Tuesday night the team went to Harvard and not more than five other Tech men saw the game. The score showed the grit of the team. With decent backing they would have won.

In fencing it is the same way. If there is anyone who thinks a fencing match is a tame, uninteresting affair, he should take the first opportunity to see a match. Visitors are welcome at the exhibitions of the Technology Fencing Club. The meet with the Springfield Training School is an important one. The indoor athletic season is just beginning, and support of our teams should begin now.

The first indoor track meet is tonight. This will be a chance for the Freshmen to make all the noise they like, and perhaps to even the Field Day score with the Sophomores. The Juniors, who have not yet won a track meet, should turn out to a man to root for their representatives. This is the Seniors' last class championship meet. They won it last year.

Don't read this and say that something ought to be done about it; do something yourself. Show your Tech spirit and your class spirit. Buy a ticket and use it. Never mind the time, you can get up early the next morning.

Do your reviewing now.

Don't let it slide.

"The chances of him who leaves volumes to cram,
For passing, do not seem to us worth a
— red cent."

THE TRUE TECH SONG

The question has come up recently, and seems inclined to persist, as to the appropriateness of making permanent the custom of standing with bared heads to sing the Stein Song. Some people do it because of respect for Frederic Field Bullard, its author; many because they feel it to be the best Tech song; and the largest number simply because it is a custom and the first two classes do it.

Frederic Field Bullard was probably the best known of all Tech graduates in the field of music. He wrote a number of songs of college life and good fellowship, of which the Stein Song is the best known to the general public. It was felt at the time of his death that his songs were a credit to the Institute, and out of respect to him the custom was started. But Bullard has been dead some time now; and the life of that motive cannot be endless. No reminder of Washington or Lincoln brings us to our feet, and those men have done far more for us. The parallel may seem far-fetched, but there ought to be a

cause back of every sentiment strong enough to be carried into action.

As a matter of fact the Stein Song is not a Tech song, and never will be. Bullard was a Dartmouth graduate before he entered Tech and Hovey, who wrote the words, was a Dartmouth man pure and simple. Dartmouth has therefore a strong claim to its authorship. The song itself makes no mention of any college; and it is hardly fit to represent one permanently. The song is splendidly composed and inspiring to listen to, but it is a drinking song nevertheless. The Tech does not agree with those who called standing for it "worshipping the sacred bottle," but does feel it inappropriate to present to the world at large as representative of the Tech man's highest standards. Tech has others are Cummings 1910, Lockett 1910, The Cardinal and Gray, and Dear Old M. I. T. The last named is perhaps the best fitted to head the list; at all events the men who stood up and sang it, 150 strong, at the Show Kommerz last month approved of it.

If the custom lingers because the majority wants it, all right, but if it is persisting simply because no one likes to be the first to drop it, here is the suggestion and now is the time to abolish it. The best song for Tech men should be one in which all can unite to praise not "a stein on the table, and a good song ringing clear," but their own alma mater and the splendid work she is doing in the world.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.

This means you, Mr. Reader. A large proportion of the Institute students in the course of their daily routine never take the trouble to look at the bulletin boards they pass or to turn over their Tech to see what may be in the list of notices. The natural result is that meetings are neglected and the best of causes are slighted, not through malice but simply through utter ignorance. Keeping up with current events is not simply a matter of taste; it is a pressing duty to yourself and to society at large.

Well, have we come up to your expectations?

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZES.

Tuesday's Meeting a Success.

The Biology Society met Tuesday at 5.00 P. M. in 2S Pierce for the purpose of considering the constitution submitted by the committee appointed at the meeting on Dec. 18, 1907. The various articles of the constitution were discussed and the society organized on a permanent basis, officers being chosen to take the place of those temporarily elected at the meeting on Dec. 18, 1907. The following were elected to office: Scott McNutt A. B. of Course VII, president; R. N. Hoyt S. P. of Course VII secretary-treasurer; C. N. Harrub 1909 XI was elected as third member to form, in conjunction with the president and secretary, an executive committee to transact the business of the society.

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