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A GOOD SIGN.

A good sign for Tech's financial conditions is shown by the interest taken by several of the Boston papers in President Noyes's report, especially in the paragraph which outlines the great need for endowment and other sources of income. An example of their editorial statements on the subject is given below in an extract from the Boston Morning Journal:

"This is so munificent a period in American history that it would seem as if the appeal made for further endowment by the Institute of Technology must evoke a generous response. This single sentence taken from the annual report which the treasurer of the school has just made entirely covers the situation: 'The need for endowment is most pressing and should appeal to all who feel the importance to the community of the higher technical education.'

"The feeling to which the report refers is strong enough. Not only individuals who have made their mark in the industrial world, but also many educational organizations have been establishing a veritable propaganda in behalf of technical education in recent years. The problem seems to be to divert more public support to the side of technical training. Many worthy schools would be benefited, for technical education today is widespread; but among these schools there is none worthier than the Institute of Technology, which has served as a model for foreign schools as well as for some younger schools in this country."

A RAW DEAL.

A feeling that has been growing among those interested in cross-country athletics is that the action taken by the Athletic Association last November on the assistant-managership of the Cross Country Team should be reversed. This feeling exists especially among the cross-country athletes.

Opinions have been expressed on all sides that something should be done in regard to the election of the present assistant-manager. As one prominent man in athletic circles and a member of the association, said just after the election, "It was one of the rawest deals he had seen pulled off since he came to the Institute."

If such is the feeling, some courageous member of the association, at its next meeting, should ask that the question of the selection of the assistant cross-country manager be revived and another vote taken on the matter.

It is generally known why the present incumbent of the assistant manager's office was so strongly recommended by the present manager. The general opinion is that it was for "friendship's sake."

It is now believed to be true that the successful candidate was given undue ad-

vantage in the competition because of his friendship with the manager.

That there was something queer in the manager's recommendation that this candidate was best fitted to represent Technology was pointed out in the issue of November 30. In this issue in an editorial on the need of efficiency in managerial offices, it was said:

"In the case of the cross-country managership, the man considered 'fit to represent Technology' had never been interested in cross-country work until this fall, but had played football. The other candidate had been connected with cross-country running since his first year at the Institute, is chase captain, is a hustler, is efficient. Yet the first candidate was recommended."

At this time there was a great deal of discussion on the matter, but nothing was done, nor was it mentioned in any of the following meetings of the Athletic Association.

Since there seems to be a strong feeling that some action should be taken in regard to this election, it would perhaps be best that the Athletic Association go into the matter thoroughly at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATION.

MORE ABOUT THE STEIN SONG.

On the occasion of a Boston Latin School Reunion at the Exchange Club, the "Emanon Quartette" consisting of Bullard, Leo R. Lewis, Bruce Hobbs and Hollen C. Spaulding, were requested to furnish music for the edification of the "boys." The rehearsal was held in Bullard's house on Pinckney Street, "Tom" Hurley taking the place of Hobbs, and "The Stein Song" was there sung from the original manuscript, which Bullard corrected and modified as seemed best. This was sometime between February 15th and March 4th, 1898.

It was not written for any particular school or college, but was inspired by the reading of what Bullard called an inadequate setting (Addison and Andrews setting) of the words in the Dartmouth Song Book.

It was twice submitted to the Boston Music Company (Ernest Schirmer) and refused by them, Mr. Schirmer assuring Bullard that it was no good and could never succeed. Dilson & Co. accepted it at first sight and there is a record of sending a copy to Richard Hovey, April 16th, 1898, so they evidently lost no time in publishing it. After publication Arthur Wellington (basso) first sang the song in public and had the first autograph copy.

At least half a dozen colleges have tried to claim it, Harvard, Tufts, and Yale included; the latter because Hovey received an ovation there as the writer of the words, Tufts, because Bullard often drilled the Glee Club there, Leo R. Lewis, professor of music, being his brother-in-law; and Harvard perhaps because they knew a good thing when they saw it, there being no other reason.

In view of these facts and those given in the last The Tech, showing that Bullard was a Tech man and had no connection whatever with Dartmouth, there would seem to be no flaw in the claims to the Stein Song of Technology and Dartmouth.

A. H. GILL, 1884.

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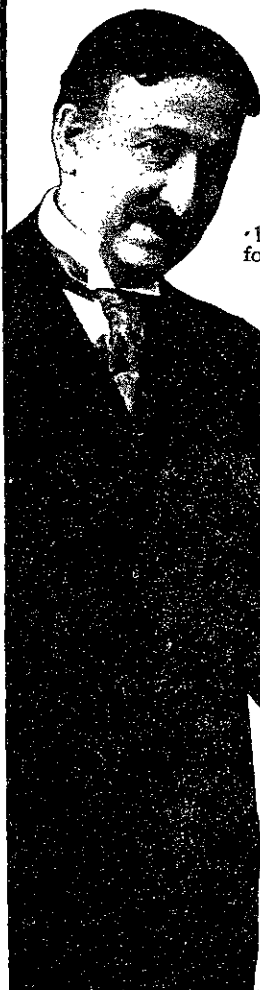
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