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GYMNASTICS.

It seems strange in this individualistic institution that the branch of athletic activity that perhaps gives the greatest physical return to the individual should be the most neglected. This branch in gymnasium work, the only branch fostered by the Institute itself, the only branch in which the student is invited by the authorities to take part.

That this branch has been encouraged is shown by the gymnasium erected by the Institute, the securing of a high-class instructor on the regular instructing staff, the offering of the five finley designed, beautiful Cabot medals each year for physical development and the enforced physical examinations of the freshmen.

This recognition of gymnasium work by the Institute has come because of the realization this branch of athletics gives the greatest opportunities for all, whether weak or strong.

Work in heavy and light gymnastics is now on at the Gym. All those who can possibly give the time and are not occupied in other athletic pursuits should attend these classes. Freshmen who, after their physical examination, have been warned that they are below the average should heed that warning.

In addition every man who has had any gym experience should come out to help Mr. Towne in building up a team, capable and well trained enough to go against any college team. Several years ago Tech had a varsity gym team to be proud of. There should be one now.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

Those who receive in a few days a circular and tickets for the Tech Day at the Hippodrome should realize that this day is being held for the benefit of the greatest student movement in recent years, the new Tech Union.

As has been pointed out by the President of the Institute and other authorities, the only argument against the taking over of Copley Hall for a Union is the attendant expense in fitting up the building together with the loss of the rent. The latter item will be taken care to a great extent by the letting of studios and the theoretical rent accruing from the rooms vacated by the Tech Lunch, the present Union and the rooms now used by the students in Rogers and other buildings.

The former item, the proper fitting and furnishing of this building for student use, will amount to a good deal of money. A portion of this building has been practically assured to the students. How much more will be given up to such use depends entirely on the arrangements that can be made with the Copley Society.

The reason that this movement to take over the Copley Hall building has been looked upon so favorably by the authorities is that it originated and has been carried out by the undergrad-

uates. In the petition to the Executive Committee it was said that the students would be willing, individually and with their organizations, to stand back of the movement not only in spirit but with money aid.

How much more will every undergraduate enjoy the New York Union if he feels that he has done something toward making it a reality and a success. How much more willing will the Executive Committee be to give over to the student this building if it feels that the students are willing to give something toward it.

All who have heard or read of this movement for a centrally located Union must know the great need of such a structure. Realizing this need, they should upon the receipt of the tickets for Tech Day make every attempt to sell them. The money for all tickets sold should be turned over to The Tech before March 25, the time for such sales being extended to that date from March 15. Unless such sales are turned over to The Tech before this date the New Union will not get the advantage of the generous percentage given by the management of the Hippodrome.

TECH'S RELAY TEAM.

What should be a cause of great gratification to the Institute is the showing that has been made this season by the one-mile relay team and the consequent indications pointing to a strong quartet which may be turned out when the outdoor season opens.

Seldom in the history of track athletics at Tech has a more thoroughly sportsmanlike spirit been exhibited than was shown not only in the competition for places on the team but also in the way the team performed. In the first place Williams was very easily defeated at the B. A. A. meet and the time made was faster than that made at the meet either by a college or an athletic club for the same distance. When it considered that almost all the New England colleges were represented at the meet this fact is very encouraging.

The next appearance of the team was at the Lawrence Light Guard meet when the B. A. A., who was scheduled to appear against the team, refused to run, giving various reasons as excuses. In spite of the fact that the team ran unpaced against time they broke the track record. This again was a most meritorious performance and one that can not be too highly commended.

In passing it might be remarked incidentally that the action of the B. A. A. in scheduling a race and then refusing to run after Tech had taken great pains to keep their team in training during the mid year vacation is most

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