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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of The Tech,
Dear Sir:—

As I watched the fellows, last Thursday, go through their songs and dances in a way so admirable that it would have put many a professional actor to shame, I asked myself the following question: If Tech is able to produce a theatrical team of such high calibre, why can't Tech turn out a varsity baseball team of the same high standard?

It is true that we have a track team, a basketball team, a fencing team, a hockey team, and a rifle team, but the fact is none of these sports appeal strongly to the mass of fellows. But baseball—well baseball acts like a magnet, for it draws the boys in such a way that they can't resist it.

And so why can't Tech have a varsity team which could compete with the other New England collegiate teams? Is it because we lack the talent? Surely we ought to be able to pick a nine from 1200 students. Is it because we lack the money to carry the project through? Twenty-five cents from every member of the school would be more than sufficient to pay for all necessary expenses. Or is it because we haven't got the required time? Indeed, if 60 or 70 fellows can spare 2 hours a day for 50 or 60 days practicing singing and dancing, surely 12 or 15 fellows can spare the same amount of time and give Tech a good varsity baseball team. S. Raul Vecker 1910.

NEW DEMONSTRATION APPARATUS.

Commutation Device Designed in Electrical Engineering Department.

Demonstration apparatus, recently commented upon in the Electrician and the Revue Electrique, has been constructed in the electrical engineering department and is designed for the purpose of illustrating the theory of commutation.

The apparatus consists of two parts, one of which shows how commutation with a low resistance metallic brush is affected by the magnitude of the reversing E. M. F., by the self-inductance of the coil, by the magnitude of the current to be reversed and by the time available for commutation, while the other shows how commutation is assisted by a brush of high contact resistance independently of all other factors.

LOCAL FEELING.

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ing, education or whatever might happen to be of especial interest to them as a class.

In America because of athletic contests and jealousies arising therefrom, the colleges, their faculties and students took a petty stand, making their own institution as such greater than the educational whole. There is no such union of spirit among the faculties of the colleges in America as is seen in German universities. Prof. Sumner felt that a great deal would be done if the American institutions could take on more of the German university attitude.

In his talk he covered a voyage to Brazil, a tramp through the Alps into Italy, a bicycle tour through southern Germany, and a trip to Florence. He gave rather the interesting incidents that came up on these trips, with a general discussion on European travel.

COLLEGE MEN TO CONFER.

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evening the conference in Brooks House will be resumed.

The program for Sunday includes corporate communion at Christ Church, Cambridge, at 8 A. M., breakfast at the Harvard Union at 9, Morning Prayer at Christ Church at 10.30, dinner at the Harvard Union at 1.30 P. M., and evening prayer and sermon at the church at 4. Robert H. Gardiner will conduct the farewell meeting in Brooks House at 5 P. M.

INTERSCHOLASTIC DRILL.

Annual Prep School Competition at Armory Today.

Under the auspices of the freshman battalion the annual interscholastic drill will be held this afternoon at the armory. Squads of three men have been entered from schools all over New England. Cups will be awarded to the winning squad, and individual.

Regular drill will not begin until three o'clock when battalion manoeuvres will occupy a half hour followed by the schoolboy competition. Admission will be charged to those not members of the battalion.

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