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One of the greatest arguments against the Finance Commission is that it will remove some of the responsibility from the shoulders of the participants in the activities. Although this latter is one of the best benefits to be derived from participation in activities, does it necessarily follow that the responsibility will be shifted? Will it not be more definitely placed?

The first idea that should be aimed for in the arrangement of our activities is that they should be carried on in as businesslike a manner as is consistent with the other interests of study at the Institute. If this committee can so aid the activities that they can carry out their work in a simpler and more efficient manner, without being bound down too firmly, nothing better could be done for them or the Institute.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of The Tech:—

Puerility we generally attribute to the freshman who in the exuberance of his youth is forgiven for his general lack of acquaintance with the world. Sometimes it takes more than one year to attain the dignity of a sophomore socially as well as academically. It is the regrettable fact that the scholar often neglects to adapt himself to the demands of the world of the grown man while he brings his brain to a high tension on scientific matters. Many are aged in the knowledge of books, while they remain boys in the knowledge of men.

Such has been the case of one of our well beloved comrades. Standing high in his classes to the exclusion of all that which tones the machine made man to the cultured human, his mind sharply focused as it is on science, has failed to grasp what the poor world calls "Horse Sense." No doubt he is postponing the acquirement of this asset until a future date.

We refer to the recent campaign which our most worthy brother carried on against the wearing of hats in the Union. Well meaning in his endeavor to promote proper consideration for the alumnus who did so much towards the building of the Union he conceived the idea that this individual, whom he did not name, would be insulted unless we uncovered in the Union. Perhaps the Union committeeman had been reading of the Chinese ancestor worship. Perhaps he thought of himself in the same position as the alumnus when he should command sufficient respect to have men

doff their bonnets as European peasantry do to their monarchs when they entered His Union.

On serious consideration he must realize how boyish this idea appeared to the alumnus in question. A business man he must have been to reach a high enough pinnacle of success to gather sufficient store of this world's goods to give pecuniary support to the building of the Union. Was not the Union conceived as a place for a man student to take comfort, to relax from the demands of the class-room? And yet a student must be as careful in propriety as he would be in the presence of ladies or in his own parlor. How many of the real select men's clubs of the city, we wonder, had our committee visited? The clubs of the type of the university and the Tennis and Racquet, which he must acknowledge include in their membership men to whom conventionality comes as second nature and the members wear their hats in the reading rooms if they so desire. It is true that the topper may be a silk one, but does this alter the case? Certainly even our committee man will admit that if men like Eben S. Draper, Butler Ames, Henry L. Higginson, or others of the type, wear their hats in their clubs it is not a shocking insult to the charter members who built the club house. Or perhaps these gray-haired venerables who are looked up to by thousands might take a lesson from our gentlemanly committeeman.

D. N. F.

Editor of The Tech:—

After making some inquiry amongst Junior Students regarding the position of the seats allotted to them by the Tech Show Committee, I find many comparatively poor seats allotted to the Juniors. Such seats as "S" and "T" down stairs, and approximately the last seats in the galleries. I would like to ask the Tech Show Committee that if it is necessary by the printed rules of allotment to seat the Junior Class near the rear of the house, where have they seated the Freshman Class and the Sophomore Class? Standing room only?

J. C. WATSON.

TECH'S OUTLOOK

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least, Newman (Bowdoin) and Chamberlain (Tech) who tied for third last year will be considered for fourth place this year. Prickett of Amherst looked to be next in line last year but this event seems to be in the way of an upset by dark horses.

The 16-pound hammer throw is an unknown event, last year's winner being unable to compete. There is always the chance of powerful football men working into this event and upsetting calculations. Tibney of Dartmouth was a crack schoolboy champion who was entered to by many large colleges, and he may secure a place.

Kooyunjan of Amherst should win the discus throw, with Killian of Amherst second, Hanna of Wesleyan, Frank of Brown, and Smith of Bowdoin have all showed good form and will probably divide the other points.

Coach Kanaly says that with such star men already likely for contestants Technology seems to be in need of an awakening to the fact that even to equal last year's performance of getting second place it means the applying of personal, conscientious effort at once and the showing of a proper spirit of sportsmanship. Tech should not only try for a repetition of last year but should make efforts to defeat all the colleges, so that after the meet she may look back upon the defeat of all competitors. This vision, however, now seems to be assured to others.

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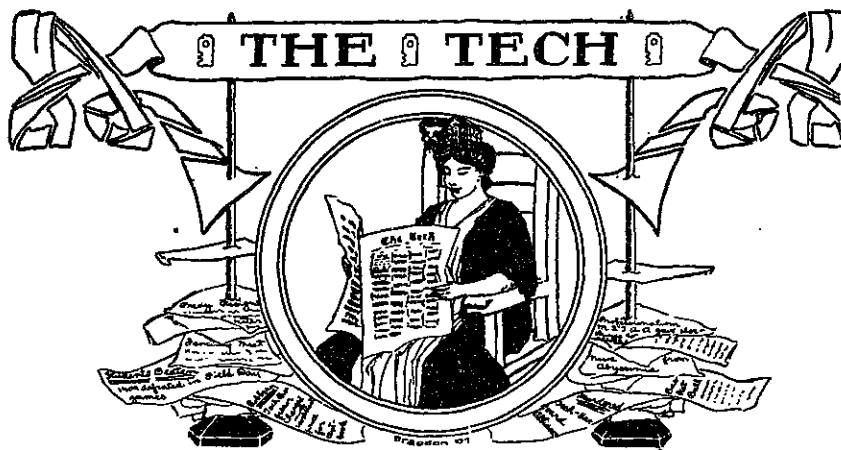
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