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Editorials.

Alma Mater Offices.

THE motion to place certain restrictions on choice of students for candidates for the offices of vice-president and second vice-president of the Alma Mater Society met the fate that any proposal of similar purport is likely to meet. The suggestion was of course made with the most irreproachable of intentions and in a desire to meet a situation that has lately developed in connection with the executive of the Society and which might be disastrous in effects. Other efforts in the same direction in the past have failed. It has become clear that it is not the desire of the students, to depart from the rule that there must be restriction on the choice of candidates for A.M.S. offices. The regulation that the president must be a graduate of some department of the University confers dignity and is sanctioned by time. It should be regarded as marking the limit of encroachments on freedom of choice. It was suggested some time ago that members of the first years should not be eligible for office. Nothing could be more out of harmony with the spirit of democracy that furnishes the basic principle of the A.M.S. To restrict the choice for two of the most important executive offices would be equally undesirable. It is to be recognized, however, that the fact that the three senior officers of the Society will be absent from college next fall is not reassuring in significance. It is often impossible to avoid the absence of the president, but it should be demanded whenever possible that the vice-president be present to take the mantle of office when occasion for so doing presents itself. But freedom to name men from every department and every year for A.M.S. offices is a principle that must be kept inviolate.

Grant Hall.

The time has come when the students should use Grant Hall for certain mass meetings when there is likely to be large general attendance. Convocation Hall can no longer accommodate the members of the student body. This fact was clearly demonstrated the night of the election returns when a great deal more room than was available was necessary. The seats were entirely filled and at the back of the hall was a struggling, closely packed mass