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S the Mechanical Engineering Society to join the Twentieth Century Club in the
oblivious past? The futile efforts of a few energetic Senior
Mechanicals seem to indicate such a noble
ending of a worthy organization. That the
largest course in Technology should be unable
to support a professional society, when smaller
courses have flourishing ones, surely reflects
little credit upon Course II.

When the subject of continuing the Society
was first broached, considerable enthusiasm
was manifested. But as the individual men
learned that a little effort would be required of
each member, then one by one they hesitated,
and finally "thought" they could attend some
meetings if no work would be required of
them. Oh, if there is one being upon this
busy globe who makes our very blood boil
with indignation, it is the man who will "do
something if somebody else will do all the
work." A pretty precept, to be sure, but one
of which any Tech man should be heartily
ashamed. We are here to help each other as
well as ourselves, else why is man constituted
a social being? If Technology aimed to turn
out specialists, in the narrowest sense of the
word, then would the selfish laziness too often
visible here be excusable. But anyone who
receives the noblest inspirations which our
curriculum is calculated to induce will readily
realize that our education is broad compared
with that of the ordinary scientific school,
in order to turn out men who are in touch
and in sympathy with the world, aware
of its social and economic problems as well
as of engineering difficulties and scientific
aims.

The Society in question encouraged re-
search and a love of knowledge for its own
sake; it taught a man where to look for informa-
tion, and how to present this to the public; it
also gave him a certain self-confidence, ease
in addressing an audience, and, far from least
important, it brought him into contact with
earnest fellow-students, increasing to that
extent the limited social opportunities of the
Institute. All these advantages, personal,
social, literary, and scientific, it offered for
the sacrifice by each man of five or six hours
a term, exclusive of the meeting periods. This
appears to us like kicking one's self.

ONE day, while rapidly devouring the last
mouthful of a ham sandwich (for which
our lunch room is duly famous) in a vain
endeavor to accomplish in one second the
mean results of two minutes' mastication, one
of your humble servants overheard a well-
known professor remark to another of equal
celebrity, "If the students have so much trouble in supporting the Mechanical Engineering Society, why don't they merge the three large engineering societies into one?" There is a deal of suggestion in this question which is at least worthy of consideration. Were this unification of the three societies accomplished, the breadth of the resulting organization would be trebled, the interest we might expect to increase proportionately, and the combined membership, even if not enlarged, would be sufficient to warrant more energetic regulations and accomplish more satisfactory results.

The Glee and Banjo Clubs were severely criticised by some students for appearing last week at the Boston Museum. Doubtless they have the right sentiments, but misdirected them in this case. How far the clubs could continue such engagements before disgracing Technology is an open question. But the fact of their appearing as an additional attraction at the fiftieth evening of "Prince Pro Tem," when they played between the acts in perhaps the most respectable theater in America, can in no way reflect discredit upon them or the Institute. On the other hand, this opportunity to appear before a theatrical audience is one that few clubs have had. The success of our clubs in this instance, then, is a source rather of congratulation than criticism, for it means that they start early in the season well advertised and thoroughly appreciated. President Walker sees no objection to a theatrical engagement, provided the theater is a respectable one.

The match with Amherst, next Saturday, promises to be a fine one, with good chances for victory on our side. Let the attendance evince the interest we all feel in the efforts of our players to place the Technology team well up among the college teams. Furthermore, remember that the presence of some other man's sister does wonders toward spurring on a player to his utmost.

Despradelde, the new professor in the Architectural department who takes the place of the late Professor Létang, is from the Atelier Pascal. He was graduated from the Ecole des Beaux Arts with distinction, at the unusually early age of twenty-five. He entered the Ecole number one in the list of applicants for that year, and won nearly all the minor prizes of his time. He obtained the first "recompense" at the competition for the Prix de Rome, which gave him the title of First Second Grand Prix de Rome. After his graduation M. Despradelde at once gained a position for himself in the profession. He was made Sous-Inspecteur aux travaux des Bâtiments Civils des Monuments de l'Etat. He has also the titles of Architecte diplomé de la Société Centrale des Architectes Français, Architecte diplômé par le gouvernement, and Lauréat du Salon.

While M. Despradelde rightly felt that his future was an assured one in his own country, he was so strongly attracted by the opportunities offered at the Institute of Technology, that he accepted the Associate Professorship of Architectural Design. He begins his work under most auspicious circumstances. This year the department opened with one hundred and fifteen students,—the greatest number in its history. Of this number twenty-one are graduates from other colleges. There are five following a post-graduate course. M. Despradelde rightly laments that the course of four years is altogether too short in which to give a student his general and professional training. He claims that if our architects would study their profession as it should be studied, the number of years that every other profession is studied, the Institute as an art school would grow to be a rival of the Beaux Arts. He is full of enthusiasm, and his great hope is that he may offer such attractions in a year devoted entirely to design and drawing, that the course of the Architectural department will be extended to five years, at least. This seems merely a question of time.
Amherst-Tech game, South End Grounds, next Saturday, 3.30 p.m.!

Mr. F. H. Fay, '93, I., has returned for advanced work in Civil Engineering.

P. B. Day, '93, has gone to Chicago to accept a position with the Union Steel Works.

Mr. Albert Geiger, '95, has not returned to Tech this year. He is in business with his father.

This year officers must pass monthly examinations in the drill regulations to retain their positions.

Cummings, who rowed No. 7 on the Harvard 'Varsity crew, is taking a course at the Institute.

Among the graduate students in Course IV. there is a graduate from Wellesley, Vassar, and Smith.

The battalion is to have no more annual competitive drills. Simply private exhibition drills hereafter.

F. W. Coburn is assistant manager of the Football Association. He is a popular man and a good manager.

Where is '95 on The Tech Board! Wake up, Juniors, or the Sophomores and Freshmen will take everything.

As the weather grows chill, a weekly hare and hounds run would furnish sport besides increasing the interest in athletics.

It is pleasant to see the men assemble once more at the "gym" for exercise. Several clever high jumpers are developing.

The assistants in Civil Engineering for this year are: J. P. Lyon, '92; Gorham Dana, '92; J. A. Emery, '93; K. S. Sweet, '93.

The football game and cane rush between the Freshmen and Sophomores will take place next Monday, on the South End Grounds.

Mr. F. H. Merrill, '93, is reported to have an unusually good opening with the Curtis Davis Co., in the glycerine refining department.

The Adelphi Academy, of which Professor Levermore now is principal, has a corps of sixty-five teachers and more than one thousand pupils.

Mr. Theodore H. Skinner, '92, has returned to the department of Architecture, to continue his studies under the new professor in design, M. Despradelle.

The Athletic Club should offer another individual merit cup, to encourage those entries in outside meets which advertise Tech athletics so effectually.

Mr. S. A. Meade, who had charge of design in Course IV. after Professor Létang's death, has been engaged to assist Professor Despradelle during the year.

One class treasurer's reason for the correctness of his accounts: "I have the receipted bills in one hand and no money in the other, hence my accounts balance."

Prescott A. Hopkins, '92, who received an advanced degree last year, has returned to the Institute to continue his study in architecture under Professor Despradelle.

D. N. McKenzie, who graduated from the partial course in architecture in '92, has resumed his studies in that department with the intention of graduating as a regular.

The third-year Civils are making a survey for a branch road from Newton Lower Falls to connect the Boston & Albany with the New York & New England Railroad.

Mr. William W. Underhill, '89, a graduate of Course II., was recently married to Miss Elizabeth A. Feltmate, of Boston. The marriage took place in Winchester, Mass.
Mr. F. E. Foss, who for two years was instructor in Highway Engineering, has accepted a call to the Pennsylvania College, where he is professor of civil engineering.

M. Despradelle will give a course of twelve lectures in French this winter for the Lowell Free Courses, the subject to be Architecture in America, and the Influence of the French School.

Professor Leproux, of the School of Mines, of Saint Etienne, France, upon visiting Technology, was very much pleased with our different laboratories, of which he had heard so much at home.

That Professor Fiske's lectures are appreciated is evident from the attendance. Outsiders, Tech students not taking the History course, even ladies, have swarmed to hear the eloquent historian.

Professor Hawthorne has had the Tabular Views arranged so that each drill period in the Armory ends at one o'clock. Freshmen can no longer complain that they were detained from recitations on account of the drill.

P. F. Gilbert, one of the best football players Tech ever had, has resumed his studies at the Institute. Mr. Gilbert was compelled to drop out a year on account of injuries received in a game. He will not play football this year.

During his visit to the Institute, Professor Steiner, of Prague, was especially pleased with the practical work given the students here. At Prague they have but one testing machine, which is limited to the use of the professors.

Mr. George L. Lansing, coach of the Banjo Club, is doing everything in his power to insure their success. He devoted one whole afternoon to them just before their first public appearance, without charging a cent for his time or services.

A Japanese gentleman who had been visiting a member of the Faculty, and had been amused by the jokes and anecdotes of his host, wrote back after leaving, "What pleased me most in my visit was your merry says and pleasant tells."

The Seniors are puzzling over theses. Each one desires to benefit the world of scientific discovery with the least effort on his part. A thesis means work and study if it is to be of any use, so it would be well now to cease seeking "snaps."

Mr. Harry Lawson Rice, '93, ex-Editor in Chief of The Tech, is now in the employ of the Milwaukee Gas Light Company. This has been an unfortunate year to be thrust upon the world, and any graduate who has secured a good position is to be congratulated.

A long article appeared in an issue of the Boston Herald last week, devoted to the Class of '93, M. I. T. It stated, as far as possible, the present occupations of various members of the class, together with their positions, honors, and achievements while at Technology.

The Glee and Banjo Clubs propose giving two home concerts this year; one probably in December, the second during the next term. All who can appreciate a good thing should begin to save up for both occasions if the financial depression continues.

All men wishing to try for The Tech Board would do well to consult the Editor in Chief, in The Tech office, between 1 and 1.30 p. m. any Tuesday. All contributions of news and the like, should be dropped into The Tech box (not the "Technique" box) in Rogers corridor.

All clubs, societies, fraternities, or any Tech organizations are invited to call meetings or make engagements, and so forth, through the columns of The Tech. The paper is here in the interest of the students, and the more it can be of use to them the better satisfied will be all concerned.
At the (‘96)–‘97 Class meeting in Huntington Hall. Sophomore: “Mr. Chairman; point of order; there is a motion before the house.”

Chairman (from E. H. S.): “There is no motion before the house.”

Sophomore (unable to stand): “I just saw a carriage go by!”

The Sophomore Class in Civil Engineering is much larger than any previous class. At present it numbers sixty-seven students. A number of new desks had to be added to the drawing room, and the room is now crowded to its utmost capacity. The Junior Class in Course I. is somewhat smaller than usual.

The management of the Glee and Banjo Clubs has decided to give a commission of five per cent to any student securing an engagement for them, in the city or out. Here, Tech man, is a chance for you to do something for Technology and your pocketbook at the same time. Consult Mr. Crosby, manager, or any club man in regard to rates and dates.

During the lead run made in the mining laboratory on the 24th, twenty-two hundred pounds of silver and lead bearing ore were put through between 8.30 A. M. and 4.45 P. M.; the argentiferous lead produced will shortly be cupelled. Students of Courses V. and X., taking the lectures on the metallurgy of lead, visited the laboratory during the lead run.

Among recent visitors of distinction at Technology were Professor Lutatoroski, of the University of Koran, Russia; Signor Luigi Bodio, director general of the Royal Statistical Bureau of Italy and official delegate of the International Statistical Institute; Signori Carlo Bosco and Bonelli, of Bologna, who are studying our social institutions in an official capacity.

A recent additional amusement for the lucky men who are allowed an occasional siesta on Rogers steps, is the vigorous competition of the urchins selling “Tech news,” “Technology football latest.” This shows a youthful eye for business, and a ready perception of human weakness; for who can resist seeing Technology in print, especially when advertised by lusty little lungs?

There is no excuse for a Tech man who cannot get exercise of the right sort and in plenty. With our own gymnasium near, the Association just across the street, and the Union only a short walk from here, it would seem that one could combine the proper amounts of physical and metal exercise to produce the best results. The gymnasium is a good place for the student; take advantage of it.

Tech man to Harvard friend: “Why did you not bow to President Elliot when we passed him just now?”

“Oh, he doesn’t know me nor I him,” was the reply.

With pride our Tech student adds: “We always speak to President Walker, and he seems glad to meet us, though our names may be unknown to him.” Is not this to the great credit of General Walker and our students?

He was walking with a young lady upon whom he was anxious to make a good impression, when they met a man whose face was familiar to him, but whose name he could not call. “I wonder who that is?” he said; “I certainly know him.” It seemed to her a good chance to quiz him, and so she answered sweetly, “That is the bartender at the Parker House.” For a moment he was overcome with confusion, and then he rallied nobly. “How strange it is,” he murmured, “that you should know him so much better than I!”

Electricity, a weekly published in New York, contains the following remarks upon the Institute: “The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is entitled to rank as one of the foremost scholastic and scientific institutions in the country. For many years it has been turning out from its laboratories and class rooms hundreds of promising young men who are destined to make names for themselves, and to fill leading positions in those great undertakings which are to carry still nearer
the front of civilization the United States of America.” These are words we take pleasure in repeating, feeling, as we do, that they are sincere and deserved.

On Tuesday evening, October 24th, the Glee and Banjo Club made their first appearance of the year, the occasion being the fiftieth performance of “Prince Pro Tem,” at the Boston Museum. The programme, which was given during the intermission between the acts, consisted of two numbers by the Glee Club and one by the Banjo Club, all of which were heartily encored. There were a large number of Tech men in the audience, and it was emphatically Tech night at the Museum. The performances of both clubs were excellent, and it is safe to predict that there will be no finer clubs in the country after the thorough and careful training which they are undergoing has had time to show its effects.

Mr. A. M. Robeson, Business Manager of ’94’s “Technique,” has been since last July chief mechanical and electrical engineer of the Kimberly Diamond Mines in South Africa. Before leaving this country Mr. Robeson went West to superintend the packing of five triple-expansion Reynolds-Corliss Engines for the De Beers Co., three of these being already set up at the mines. He has a force of two hundred and fifty men under him. Doubtless many will envy Mr. Robeson his good fortune, but few of us at present would be able to take advantage of similar opportunities, for lack of the experience which he gained in gold mines in Venezuela before coming to Technology. He realized the need of a thorough theoretical training, and was wise enough to resign a splendid position to gain the knowledge in season. Now he has a situation of double the importance and remuneration of the first.

The Sophomore Class held its first meeting under the new régime directly after physics lecture, on Wednesday noon, October 25th. Considerable business was brought before the meeting in very short order, thus more than making up for the indecision of the previous two meetings. The election of a member to the Co-operative Board was the first matter taken up. P. F. Johnston was elected to fill the position. For the two vacancies on the Institute Committee, J. A. Rockwell and H. S. Baldwin were chosen by a considerable majority. Rockwell received the only nomination for Athletic Captain, and was chosen by unanimous consent. A motion was passed that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to take charge of the cane rush, the president himself to be a member of it. After some discussion, it was decided that a fee of fifty cents should be levied for the payment of class expenses. The subject of the “Technique” was broached, but no definite action was taken upon it. The meeting then adjourned.

The Columbia Spectator of October 9th contains a short article on the accession of Professor Carpenter to the chair of rhetoric and English composition in that college. Besides the article, the issue contains a very good cut of Mr. Carpenter. From the sketch we take the following extract: “The courses in rhetoric and English composition are of such interest and importance to the students of Columbia, that it seems opportune to notice briefly the accession of Prof. George Rice Carpenter to that chair. Professor Carpenter was graduated from Harvard, in the Class of ’86. As a student he was a prominent factor in the literary life of the college, having been one of the editors of the Harvard Advocate, and one of the founders of the Harvard Literary Monthly. After graduation he was appointed assistant in the English Department of Harvard, where he was continued until 1890, when he was elected to the Faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as professor of rhetoric. In July of the current year he was called to Columbia, to fill the chair made vacant by the resignation of Prof. John D. Quackenbos. Professor Carpenter will have charge this year of the work of the
Sophomore and Freshman classes, but next year will, in addition, offer several elective courses, some of which will be open to post-graduates. He has also written and edited several books, among them the following: 'Exercises in English Composition,' two vols.; 'Primary and Advanced Courses,' Latham's 'The Eleven Letters of Dante,' Strong's 'Exercises in English,' and has contributed many articles on the life of Dante, which are published in the report of the Dante Society. A text-book by him intended for the use of the Sophomore Class, is now in press. Mr. Carpenter is manifestly a distinct acquisition to Columbia, and it may now be safely claimed, in view of the able and eminent corps of instructors, that the English department is unsurpassed by that of any university in America."

Final arrangements have been made with Hampden Park Association in Springfield, by representatives from Yale and Harvard, in regard to the grounds for the annual Yale-Harvard game, to take place on November 25th. The seating capacity will be increased to twenty-five thousand, the stands to be divided into eleven sections. These stands will be erected with a much steeper pitch to the seats, thus enabling those in the rear to see the game to better advantage than formerly. This year the 5-yard lines will be numbered on the inside of the fence which incloses the field proper, so that spectators and reporters will be able to follow the game very readily.

At a conference of the captains and managers of the Yale and Harvard football teams held in the Carey Building, at Cambridge, it was decided that both teams should play under their own rules, and that Harvard should be permitted, by the Intercollegiate Association, to play its university eleven. Moffatt, of Princeton, was chosen umpire, and Schoff, of the University of Pennsylvania, referee.

The Cornell Daily Sun has had rather a severe struggle for existence during the past month. Owing to an unfortunate disagreement in regard to elections last spring, the board of eight men was divided into two factions. No agreement was reached by the time of the beginning of the fall term, and each faction began publishing a paper, the sheets being almost identical in appearance. It was finally decided to determine in mass meeting which paper should be supported by the students, and for this purpose a meeting was held. The defeated faction, however, continue to publish their paper as a private organization, so that the two sheets still make their appearance daily.

Captain Hinkey, of Yale, has conceived the idea of using rubber foot-holds on shoes instead of the leather ones now in vogue. Owing to the difficulty of making a run with ordinary shoes, it became necessary to use spikes of some sort, which, as heretofore made, are responsible for very many of the accidents on the football field. Captain Hinkey's invention has been tried during the past summer, and if proved successful by the Yale candidates this fall, will probably be generally adopted.

A. A. Stagg, Yale, '88, and H. L. Williams, '91, are soon to publish a work on football, which will be placed before the public in the course of a month or so.

J. S. Mitchell, N. Y. A. C., increased the world's record for the 56 lb. weight for distance by 2 3/4 inches, covering 35 feet 9 1/2 inches, on September 30th.
Upon very short notice, all the regular 'varsity men within reach were called together last Saturday to play the Fitchburg Athletic Club at Fitchburg. The original date was with the Sophomore team, but this was canceled in favor of the 'varsity. Dartmouth was to have played Tech at Boston, but decided not to make the trip on a single guarantee since her game with Brown was given up.

Seven of our regular 'varsity team, assisted by substitutes, played a good game though against comparative novices. Tech secured the ball at the opening of the first half, and in two minutes Curtis had made a touchdown after a long run. Andrews kicked goal. Fitchburg then started in to gain, but soon lost ground. After ten minutes of poor playing, Curtis made another touchdown, Andrews kicking goal. Here Cushing replaced Manahan at center, Rockwell filling left end. Hayden next went over the line just before time was called. Goal was kicked, making the score 18-0.

In the second half many players were hurt. The Fitchburg men made several brilliant individual plays, but the splendid team work of Technology spoiled them all. A touchdown was made in just thirty-seven seconds from the opening of this half; Curtis of course did it. This was soon followed by a second one, making the score 26-0 in favor of Tech.

The Fitchburg men played well considering that they have had only a month's experience. For them Simonds, Keough, Washburn, Fos-
vance was due mainly to a 40-yard run of McElwaine's. The Freshmen showed their mettle in the game, though deprived of a full victory. At the end of the first half, B. A. A. and Harvard, '95, took possession of the field.

Every student at Technology should join the Athletic Club. By so doing he not only aids a worthy organization, but draws much benefit in return. The Club is in debt to an amount that could readily be paid off with a proper number of members in the Club. It is discouraging for the officers to assume duties with a large debt hovering over them, and doubly hard to push athletics successfully when a loss is inevitable at each set of games held.

Recent football scores are:

October 13th.—Dartmouth, 16; Trinity, 6.
October 14th.—Yale, 28; Dartmouth, o.
    Harvard, 52; Williams, o.
    Princeton, 26; Crescent A. C., o.
    Univ. of Penn., 34; Volunteers, o.
    Lehigh, 30; West Point, o.
    Annapolis, 26; Dickinson, o.
    Orange A. C., 6; Lafayette, o.
    New York A. C., 14; Rutgers, o.
    Amherst, 14; M. I. T., 6.
    Cornell, 16; Union, o.
October 18th.—Yale, 46; Amherst, o.
October 21st.—Yale, 50; Orange A. C., o.
    Univ. of Penn., 40; Crescent A. C., o.
    Harvard, 36; Dartmouth, o.
    Stephens, 39; Rutgers, 8.
    Georgetown, 34; Swarthmore, 10.
    Wesleyan, 16; Tufts, 14.
    Bushnell, 23; Gettysburg, o.
    Annapolis, 28; Univ. of Virginia, o.
    West Point, 12; Amherst, 4.
    Brown, 34; Trinity, o.
    Williams, 12; Laureates, 12.
    Princeton, 46; Cornell, o.
    Chicago, 6; Univ. of Michigan, o.
    M. I. T., 40; Worcester Polytech, o.
    Franklin and Marshall, 40; Dickinson, o.
October 25th.—Yale, 82; Williams, o.
    Tufts, 6; Cornell, o.
    Bowdoin, 36; Boston, o.
    Brown, 10; Andover, 4.
    Amherst, 18; Trinity, o.
    Lafayette, 12; Stevens, o.
    Princeton, 28; Lehigh, 6.

In the Herald the Lounger found a most pleasing editorial on "Boston's Fairest Days." Although he agrees with the writer on the beauties and the calm joys of this fleeting Indian summer, the Lounger resents Boston's claim to the favor. He is sure that had Boston her way, sleet and shivers instead of sunshine and breezes would prevail. In fair weather is the time to provide for storm, and the Lounger would assure the Freshmen and all new comers to Technology that the time for preparation is none too long. Already he feels that Boston has laid by a store of chilling droplets, raw east winds and low-spirited thermometers, which she is only withholding for the keener enjoyment to come when she will thrust them all unexpectedly upon us. In the meanwhile there is more than one student who is improving the opportunity for outdoor gymnasium work, while the conditions remain which send the blood tingling to the very finger tips. Indoor work will come soon enough, but now a half-hour's walk or run to the quiet suburbs gives the best results. Try it.

The hard-working scribe, whose name heads the list of honorable and worthy toilers of a certain enterprise but poorly paying journal, gayly reports increasing returns from contributors. The Lounger, too, would have THE TECH reading world aware that several scraps of thought have reached his private apartments, and, as a result, he has weighed many hopes. Waning hopes, perhaps, they are, but hopes none the less. Yes, kind contributor, the Lounger also welcomes company, and will gladly withhold his scribbling pen for those whose pens and thoughts flow fluently. But mark the donations for the Lounger, else their purpose be mistaken and the basket be their doom; and who shall say there shall not yet accumulate such a store of grinds as will outdo even the persistent efforts of the "Technique" fiend?
While searching for Loungerisms the other day, the Lounger came upon a theater programme whose back was scribbled with many a hieroglyphic. A half-hour's industrious labor called forth the following translation: "The scene was now at its height. Wit and merriment were running rife, and both players and audience were in the best of humor. Tommy had cracked his jokes, and the quartette had sung effectively, but still the applause continued. Suddenly the Prince whispered in Tommy's ear. A new twinkle came in Tommy's eye, and again the singers collected. The audience listened. Said the Prince to Tommy, 'Don't push.' The four heads drew together sympathetically. Tommy folded his hands, rolled his eyes, and the linked sweetness of the Cottage Fair again broke the stillness. This time the audience applauded, and Tommy wore the chrysanthemum. For a last time the merry crew collected, and the silence was intense. Now the Prince led off, and at once there rose a discordant cheer that put to shame the efforts of the men before the footlights. Again the people applauded in derision, and bowing their thanks of appreciation, Tommy and the Prince retired to chuckle over the discomfiture of the warblers." Thus endeth the first lesson.

IN OCTOBER.
All the golden afternoon
The quiet little brook
Sings a sadder, fainter tune
Than it sang in summer June.
And o'er it now the willows look
With faces pale and wan, through fear
Of Winter, who, far in the dim blue haze,
Talks to the woods while they listen to hear
What he and the breezes say to the ear
Of Indian summer's golden days.

—The Unit.

A MORAL QUANDARY.
When an artist with an income of
The tiniest dimensions,
The ends of which will never meet,
In spite of great pretensions,
Meets a stout old lady who will pay
To have her portrait painted,
And paints her young and slender, is
His reputation tainted?

—Harvard Lampoon.

PASSION FLOWERS.
The pages of white flutter open to-night,
And the poem that she loved lies revealed to my sight;
We read it together in days that were ours,
And she signed it her own with the pale passion flowers—
The sad passion flowers that drift to my feet,
Drained dry of the dew, and the dawn, and the sweet;
The dead passion flowers, once trembling to this,
The word of my love and the touch of my kiss.

And I speak with the Dead, and I look in her eyes;
I am kissed by her lips, I am sad in her sighs.
I was glad did she smile; but the Dead do not smile;
Tears, sighing, and laughter, and silence the while.
But the Dead never smile, and the Dead are not glad,
For she lay in my arms all uncaring to rise;
And the life of the Dead was revealed in her eyes,
And the woe of the grave, and the blank of the skies.

"Was there song for thy lips?" And the lips whispered,
"Nay."

"Was there light for thy eyes?" and the eyes turned away;
"Gold ways for thy feet?" Ah, the white had bled,
And crownless and sad hung the beautiful head.
Ah, pale passion flowers that glowed in the dawn
Of the days that were Youth's, and the days that are gone!
Oh, sad passion flowers, once leaning to know
The kiss of my bliss and the kiss of my woe!
Ah, dead passion flowers, I shut you to-night
Forever away in the pages of white!

—Dartmouth Lit.
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