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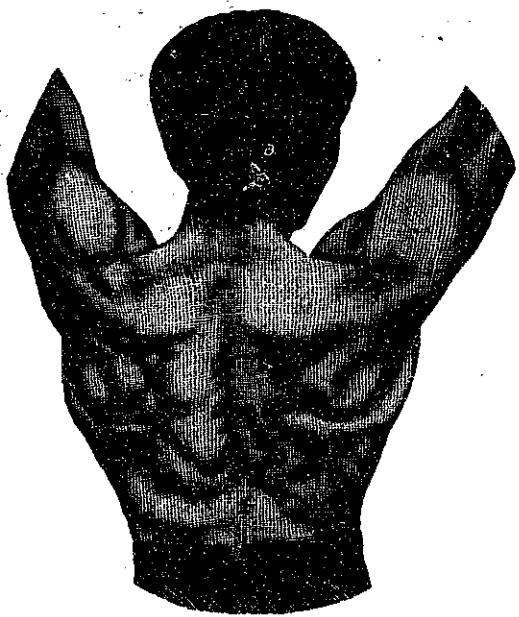
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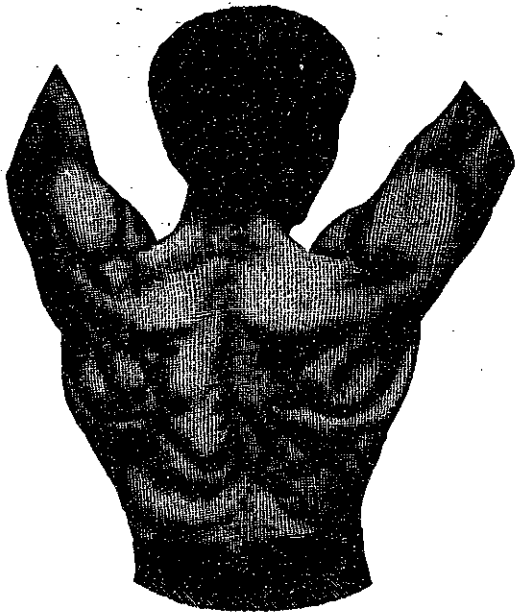
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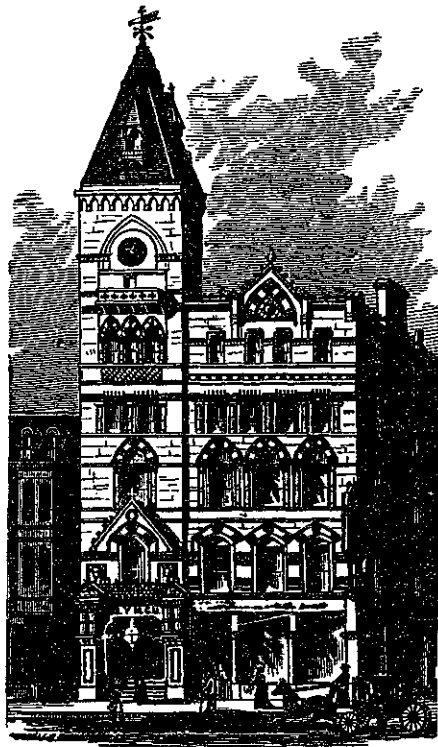
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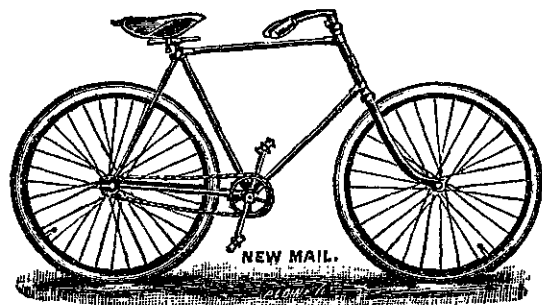
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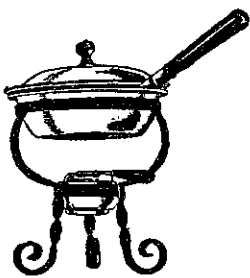
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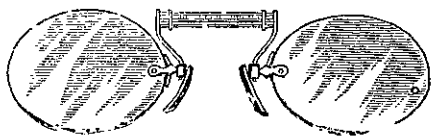
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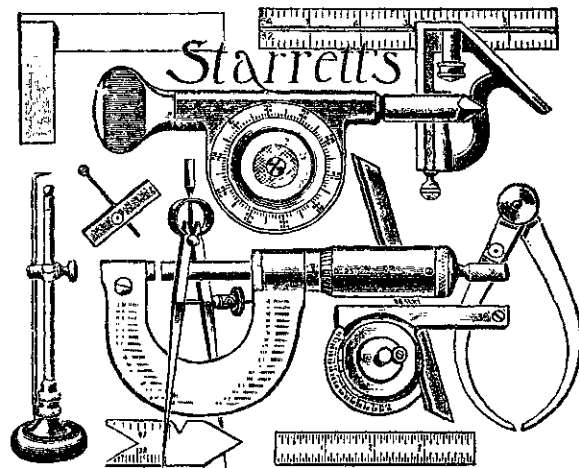
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ONE of the things of which we, as Technology men, are proudest is the development of the Institute on collegiate lines. She has not only retained the first position among technical schools for a deep and thorough scientific training; she has as well branched off into the fields of literature, philosophy and history. As broad a general training may now be obtained here as that which many a college man, who goes through his course without opening a book of Latin or Greek, obtains. Much of what is lacking in academic spirit is made up by a scientific thoroughness and clarity of treatment which is of especial value to the practical man. Such courses as those in American and Political History, in Political Economy, in Physical Geography,

in General Biology, and in English Literature are of incalculable value to the special, as well as to the regular, student, and we note with great satisfaction an increasing tendency on the part of the students to take advantage of them.

YALE never developed her famous college spirit and unity by bewailing its lack; pessimism does not cure any evils; and many things are made to be in this world by merely saying that they are. We have heard altogether too much about the lack of "Tech spirit." There is a Tech spirit and a strong one, though it is not as widely diffused as it might be. In a certain circle loyalty and enthusiasm are as intense as in any college in the country; and this circle is widening every year. The way to help on the growth of this spirit is to acknowledge it and make the most of it. Men who show it should be given the positions of honor at the disposal of the students; those who are noticeable for its lack should be, not denounced, but interested and drawn gradually out of themselves and into the broader college life. But, above all, we should remember that this public spirit really does exist among us. It should be recognized, appealed to, and trusted.

A VERY pleasant and beneficial custom that is followed quite closely in many colleges, and one that has several times been observed at the Institute, is that of a memorial or donation given by the graduating class to its Alma Mater. Whether the gift takes the form of a scholarship fund to enable others to follow the path so happily trod by those about to go out into the world, or whether it takes the form of a substantial contribution to the

treasurer of the institution, it has a beneficial effect not only upon the recipients, but also upon the donors. It binds more closely undergraduates and graduates, and causes the givers to feel that they have, personally, benefited the institution that has done so much for them, and in after years, when they may chance to revisit the scenes of their college days, it surely gives them more of a sense of fraternity and comradeship with those occupying the places they once filled. Let the class of '96, that has been so conspicuous for its unity and loyalty to Institute traditions, stand in the front rank of this movement as it has in similar directions in the past.

SOMEONE has said that the worst vice is advice. That much advised individual, the freshman, may well agree with this, but a word of advice on the results of his first term's work may be of service to him.

He who has safely completed the term and is beginning to feel that his work is not as difficult as he at first anticipated, and who is planning to work a little less harder during the coming months, should remember that there are victories more disastrous than defeats, and that an initial success is no guarantee of a final victory. More than one man has failed his finals, simply because he succeeded at the semies.

He who found more "F's" than "C's" on his report, and who is beginning to doubt the kindness of a Fate that permitted him to enter the Institute, should remember the words of Wendell Phillips: "What is defeat? Nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better." His lack of success may have been due to a defective preparation, in which case increased study will remedy the deficiency; or it may have been caused by a failure to adapt himself to the system of instruction used here; in this case time will remove the difficulty. Whatever the trouble, if he came here determined to succeed he will do so.

NOW that the semiannual "trial" is over THE TECH is inclined to be skeptical as to its vaunted virtues. The regular work of the Institute has been suspended for three weeks, and the compensating gain seems very slight. Many students, perhaps all students to a greater or less extent, neglected certain subjects all through the term, knowing that a few hours' judicious "cramming" the day before the examination would almost surely suffice for the demands of the Faculty, and such methods certainly produced no results of lasting value. In other cases conscientious work during the term counted for nothing if the examiner chose to lead his trusting flock into the great unknown, where they perished miserably in vain attempts to wrestle with problems of nature previously unthought of by them. The main object of a technical education is, to be sure, the development of original force and the ability to apply one's knowledge in practical cases; but the most unfavorable time to make such applications is during the stress of the examination period when the mind is staggering under the weight of "crammed" facts.

There are, of course, some very obvious advantages in final examinations, not the least of which is the sense of proportion and the perception of the relation of the parts to the whole which arises from a legitimate review of the subject, but that there is an immense waste of energy, as they are now conducted, seems undeniable.

AS has been pointed out many times, one of the great advantages of the Institute training is the facility with which positions are obtained by its graduates. Examination of the Annual Catalogue, '95-'96, shows that out of the class graduating last year one hundred and eight men have obtained positions, eighteen are pursuing their studies further, and seven only are not reported as having occupations.

WE regret to announce the resignation of Mr. Charles G. Hyde from the Editorial staff of THE TECH at a meeting of the Board of Editors held February 13th. Mr. Hyde was elected to the Board in December, 1892, and up to the close of his term of office as Editor in Chief was an enthusiastic and energetic worker, untiring in his efforts to make THE TECH in every way worthy of the institution which it represents.

IT will be seen in another place in this issue that the office of THE TECH will hereafter be open during certain hours on Thursdays. The Editor in Chief, or his Assistant, will at these hours, be glad to meet students desirous of obtaining a position on the Board of Editors, as well as those who have business concerning the paper.

TO —

Bright are thine eyes as the lone North Star
 Last night as it gleamed on high,
 And thy voice is as low as the meadow brook's flow
 'Neath the sun-hidden nooks where the violets grow,
 Caressed by the West Wind's sigh.
 Heaven unsought by men will be
 Ere its fair realms are blessed by Thee.

—*Harvard Advocate.*

Calendar.

- Thursday, February 20th: Contest between Brown and Institute Musical Organizations, at the Cambridge Y. M. C. A. Meeting of the '96 Class-day Committee. Meeting of the Geological Society in Room 14, Rogers, at 4.15 P. M.
- Friday, February 21st: Freshman Dinner at Young's Hotel. Annual Business Meeting of the Institute Y. M. C. A., at 4.15 P. M.
- Saturday, February 22d: Washington's Birthday; exercises suspended.
- Monday, February 24th: Lecture on "The General Chemistry of the Metallic Elements," by Assistant Professor Bardwell, in Room 35, Walker, at 7.45 P. M.
- Tuesday, February 25th: Biological Club Meeting in Room 13, Rogers, at 4.15 P. M.
- Wednesday, February 26th: Lecture on "The General Chemistry of the Metallic Elements," by Assistant Professor Bardwell, in Room 35, Walker, at 7.45 P. M.

The Wellesley Concert.

THE first concert of the Musical Clubs occurred at Wellesley on Saturday evening, January 11th, and was a great success. All the clubs showed the results of the careful training they have undergone since September, and the Glee Club surprised even its most enthusiastic admirers, by the uniform excellence of its work.

The Mandolin Club was in excellent condition, and great credit is due Mr. Barber for the state of perfection that it has attained under his direction.

The work of the Banjo Club was good, but it cannot be said that it equalled that of former clubs. Its playing shows that much hard work has been done, but that a great deal more is necessary if it is to be raised to the standard of the other clubs. The lack of a sufficient number of guitar players is a serious drawback to the work of both the instrumental clubs, the whole weight of guitar work resting upon Mr. Jesse Shuman, '97. Too much praise cannot be given the latter for the excellence of his work, and the willingness with which he appeared in at least half the numbers on the programme.

The opening number, "What shall he have who killed the deer," was beautifully rendered. "Ye Banks and Braes" was well received; but the last vocal piece, "Daddy Longlegs and the Fly," produced, by its humor and snap, the best impression. The "Dancing Darkey" and "Normandy March" were the best pieces of the Banjo Club. The selections of the Mandolin Club were exceptionally well chosen, and when the first strains of the "Directorate" were heard, success was immediately assured. The number, "On Dich" (from the German) is an exquisite piece for the mandolin, and was another triumph.

Mr. Edgar H. Barker's solo was, as usual, beautifully executed. Much amusement was afforded to the audience by the duet between Messrs. Barber and Shuman. Mr. Barber evidently supposed he remembered one of his

last year's pieces, but in the middle of the selection the audience perceived his improvisation, and prolonged laughter and applause followed. The young ladies attended in large numbers, and were afterwards given a serenade by the Clubs.

The Sociological Thesis.

THE spirit of individual scientific investigation, which has characterized the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from its beginning, notably in the Engineering departments, is this year to be extended to the Department of General Studies.

The sociological branches of this department have lately been permanently and substantially enlarged. Messrs. Fisk and Melluish, of Course IX., are to make an investigation of the morphological characteristics of some of the students of the Institute, to determine the relative distribution of head-form, and color of hair and eyes, among country and city bred students. The subjects for examination will be taken from the two lower classes, as the proportion of students residing in the country to those living in cities is more nearly equal than in the upper classes.

The data to be sought are age, place of birth, nationality of parents, and length and breadth of head. As the investigation will require no facts which the most sensitive student would not cheerfully give, and as this thesis work has the indorsement of the Department of General Studies, it is hoped that full and accurate information will be furnished.

Numbers are to be used, so that the student's name will not appear on the official record.

The results of the data obtained will be used in support or denial of a recent sociological theory in regard to sociological changes which are taking place in our urban and rural populations.

It is the intention to make the above examination the beginning of a series, to be conducted in consecutive future years.

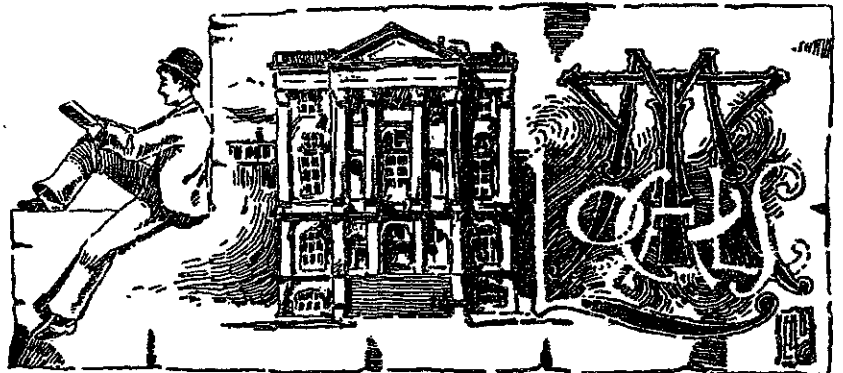
Thesis Subjects selected by Course IX. Seniors.

HENRY K. SEARS.—History of Suffrage in the United States since 1789.

WILLIAM R. HEDGE AND HENRY R. HEDGE.—Occupation, previous experience, and length of service of members of the United States Congress, compared with members of the English House of Commons and the French Chamber of Deputies.

A. LE BARON RUSSELL.—The geographical distribution of sexes at birth in Europe, as an index of the crossing of races: with especial reference to France.

JAMES G. MELLUISH AND HARRY G. FISK.—An Investigation upon the students of the M. I. T. to determine the relative distribution of head-form, color of hair and eyes, in city and in country.



A tablet to Professor Létang is soon to be placed in the Boston Public Library.

Professor Chandler, during the past vacation, visited Baltimore and Washington.

A new punching-bag has been placed in the gymnasium, and is in great request.

Professor Dewey has been delivering a series of twelve lectures at Johns Hopkins University.

Professors Runkle, Holman, and Niles have all been confined to their homes on account of illness.

President Walker is giving a course of lectures at Harvard on "Bimetallism since the discovery of America."

The Biology option for the Sophomores in Course V. has been changed from two hours to one hour per week.

A large number of tickets have been sold for the competitive drill which takes place this spring in Mechanics Hall.

A certain second-year man is much troubled at being unable to obtain a "Pentecost" for assistance in his English Literature!

Professor Homer has arranged a new platform and standard for his stereopticon, to facilitate work in the course in Architectural History.

A number of persons who took the course in Biology for the first term are now pursuing the course in Vertebrate Anatomy under Mr. Crompton.

Mr. E. E. Meade, '96, has joined the Revenue Marine as a cadet and started from Baltimore on the Training Ship Chace for a cruise around the world.

A course in Biology has been added as an option to Course V., and a large number of Sophomore chemists have signified their intention of taking it.

Course V. is to have a course in Gravimetric Analysis the first half of the term, while Courses VII., VIII. and X. are to begin Volumetric Analysis.

The second term work in Course I., for the fourth year, has been slightly changed. It now consists of three options, the thesis being the only thing not optional.

The January meeting of the Mandaman Club was held at Young's Saturday, January 4th. Messrs. Greenleaf, Hamilton, and G. A. Robinson, of '99, were initiated.

The Architectural Society has placed the selection of its "Technique" insert in the hands of a committee composed of instructors and upper classmen of the Department.

Two large contact-print photographs have been placed in President Walker's office. One is a Venetian view and the other a reproduction of a painting of King Arthur at Innsbrook.

On Friday evening, January 3d, the Washington Club held a meeting at the rooms of Messrs. Riotte and Ulke. Arrangements are

being made to establish correspondence with the Washington press.

Mr. Herman J. Boos, instructor in Gymnastics, spoke before the American Society for the Advancement of Physical Culture, February 10th, on "Games and Plays in connection with Gymnastics."

Technology was invited by Brown University to enter sixteen men in a Silent Manual and Bayonet Drill to be held in March; but as sufficient volunteers could not be obtained, Captain Bigelow was obliged to decline the invitation.

Two handsome boards, directing the way to the Engineering and Architectural buildings are fulfilling a long-felt want on the northwest corner of the Engineering building. The lettering was designed by Mr. Gardner, of the department of Architecture.

The Roxbury Latin School Athletic Association will hold a set of games at the Tech. gymnasium February 22d, at 2.15 P. M. The open events are 20-yard dash, potato race, high jump (6-inch limit), 35-yard hurdles, putting the shot (3-foot limit).

It is reported that the faculty of a certain small college has applied the Roentgen photographic process to the examination of the brains of the students for the purpose of ascertaining why they came to college. The results so far have been meager.

The Institute Committee held a regular meeting, February 13th, with President Hyde in the chair. Mr. Poppenhusen requested the use of the committee's Bulletin board in Rogers Corridor for the display of advertisements concerning the senior portfolio.

Professor Bates is giving two lectures a week to the Sophomore Class this year, instead of one, as was formerly the custom. This will enable him to bring his course down to the present time, and include several American writers. The Syllabus has been stereotyped.

The library of the Department of Languages has received sixty-six volumes of Voltaire, thirty-seven of Rousseau, and sixteen of La Harpe. These books are very old editions, and will be used in the Junior and Senior years. Mrs. Draper has sent eight large books of illustrated plates, five volumes on Persian arts, and several other valuable text-books to the General Library.

Professor Sedgwick has an article in the current *Forum* on the sanitary work of the State Board of Health. The experiments conducted by the Board on the disposal of sewage and the purification of water supplies have gained world-wide fame for Massachusetts. Through the work of Professor Sedgwick himself, and of Dr. Drown, Technology has all along been closely identified with these important labors.

Attention has recently been called to the advantages which Columbia University offers for the pursuit of studies in History, Economics and Political Science. Twenty-four University Fellowships of Five hundred dollars each, with free tuition, are offered annually, and also thirty University Scholarships of one hundred and fifty dollars each. Applications for fellowships, for which blanks and circulars of further information will be sent on request, must be made before March 1, to the Secretary of the University.

Mr. C. F. Park, instructor in Mechanical Engineering, has about completed some new appliances for testing all kinds of Injectors and Jet apparatus. He has introduced several new features in his work, one of which is regulation of the pressure of the delivery. This is accomplished by the direct action of the boiler pressure on the diaphragm of a special valve placed on the delivery pipe. Another is the controlling of the water in the stand-pipe by a balance valve which is actuated by the float through a delicate mechanism of ball bearings. Other new attachments have been added to the testing apparatus which give the

experimenter full control of the instruments and which will insure accuracy in the tests and materially increase their value.

The designs, by the Senior architects, of a handsome "House on the outskirts of Boston," have been judged by a jury of Boston Architects. The following mentions were made: First mentions, Spahr, Willis, Von Holst; second mention, Shepard; third mentions, Porter, Chenery, Miss Thompson, Smith, Miss Horne, Fyfe and Miss Chamberlaine. The mentions on the problem of "A small waiting station suitable for an electric line," were awarded as follows: No first mention; second mention, Porter, Hopkins, Willis; third mention, Bourne, Henry, Spahr and Miss Chamberlaine. On the entrance gate to a large estate, the following were mentioned: firsts, Willis and Cannon; seconds, Jones, Porter; third, Von Holst, Henry and Miss Lewis.

With the beginning of the second term, several changes have been made in the Military Department. During this term the battalion will drill on Wednesday afternoon instead of Friday, and, in order that he may have the use of a stereopticon and other apparatus, Captain Bigelow has arranged to deliver his lectures in room 22, Walker, instead of in Huntington Hall. The following promotions have been made among the officers and non-commissioned officers of the battalion: T. P. Robinson, from Captain to Major; P. W. Witherell, B. Herman, First Lieutenant to Captain; W. M. Corse, H. L. Mork, Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant; J. A. Stetson, J. A. Fleming, First Sergeant to Second Lieutenant; A. H. Brown, F. L. H. Kimball, Sergeant to First Sergeant; H. N. Keyes, Corporal to Sergeant-major; W. A. Kinsman, H. L. Smith, H. M. Keyes, Corporal to Sergeant. A corps of field music, consisting of four drums, eight fifes, and four bugles, has been formed, and in the latter part of March an examination will be held for the selection of a Color Sergeant and Color Corpo-

ral. The individual contest at the competitive drill in May will be open not only to members of the Freshman battalion, but to all Technology students who may wish to compete.

Professors Cross and Goodwin have been making several experiments with the lately discovered "X rays," as they are designated, owing to the uncertainty of the present knowledge concerning their composition. The work has consisted principally in repeating the experiments of Roentgen, namely, the demonstrating that there are such phenomena, by allowing these rays to pass through opaque substances. A hand was so experimented with, and a physician stated that the image was sufficiently clear for surgical uses. A pair of spectacles was placed in a case and the rays passed through. The rims and glass showed clearly, but the cardboard or velvet was invisible; thus showing that the gold rims and glass offered more resistance to the rays than the cardboard. A silver dime was placed on the plate, and it seemed to completely obstruct the rays. The presence of the rays is made manifest by their effect, either on the photographic plate or on prepared paper, which, under their influence, becomes phosphorescent. Dr. Goodwin, in his investigations, has made the very interesting discovery that they also possess the power of discharging a negative charge of electricity, in the same way as do the ultra-violet rays of the spectrum. This effect has been produced through the entire thickness of the human body, and should these rays prove to have the same deleterious effect on bacteria as do ordinary light rays, it would seem that they may prove useful in the cure of disease. Articles bearing on the X rays may be found in *Nature* of January 23d. These are literal translations of Professor Roentgen's original articles. In *Science*, Mr. Hugo Munsterberg, of Harvard, has an account of the rays, and Professor Lenard, the first of the real experimenters with the cathode rays, has an article in the *London Electrician* of March 23, 1894.

Alumni Notes.

Miss Caroline A. Woodman, Course VII., '89, has been appointed Librarian at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

Mr. L. K. Yoder, Class of '95, Mechanical Department, has a position in the Construction Department of the Maryland Steel Company.

Mr. Charles Greely Abbott, Course VIII., '94, has been recently made First Assistant, and Mr. Frederic E. Fowle, Assistant, in the Astro-Physical Laboratory of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

Mr. J. E. Thropp, Jr., class of '94, of the Mining course, has just been placed in charge of the blast furnace at Everett, Penn. This is one of the most rapid promotions we have heard of and is of course partly due to the fact that Mr. Thropp's father is the owner of the plant. The father, however, is not a man who would advance his son without confidence in his ability and training.

The following changes in the occupations of Alumni have been reported to the Secretary of the Institute since the appearance of the Annual Catalogue:—

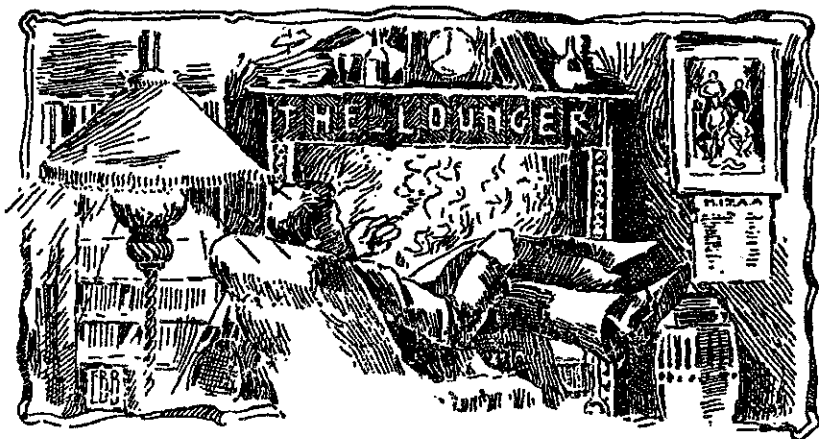
Sidney Williams, '87, formerly General Manager of the Philadelphia Belt Line R. R. Company, has become Comptroller of the Pennsylvania Coal Company.

J. M. Colby, Jr., '92, has become Superintendent's Assistant in the Norton Iron Company.

Prescott A. Hopkins, '92, has become Assistant Professor of Architecture in the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.

R. S. Ball, '91, formerly Chief Draughtsman of the Louisville and Nashville R. R. Company, has become Assistant Superintendent of Machinery of that Company.

F. L. Dame, '89, formerly Superintendent of the Tacoma Railway and Motor Company, has become General Manager of the Seattle Consolidated Street Railway Company.



THE Lounger notes that his friend the "Technique" editor is now rejoicing in the assumption of a freer walk and more elated mien since the blessed, sometimes mispronounced "cussed," book has gone to press. The Lounger is elated himself, too, for he sees in the event a temporary respite for himself from that care without the exercise of which the modest volume posing as our Annual would cut a figure indeed sorry. Whether the right of its editors to be glad is wholly justifiable seems to be an open question, however. They realize of course that their days of ink slinging and blue penciling are practically over, but since their exchange has been but for murky interviews with smutty proof sheets and loud turmoil with the compositor and pressman, the Lounger does not decry for the editors any especial felicity except that which comes from a sense of progress. Progress is certainly a good thing when properly manipulated, and the Lounger has heard that with Ninety-seven's book the prestidigitation has been most expert. And so, though Ninety-six will commend only in a patronizing way, and Ninety-eight will offer the stale remark, "Wait till you see next year's book," the Lounger's hopes are high, and he extends to Ninety-seven his sympathy and best wishes, which, taken with his assurance that the worst is yet to come, may serve to add cheer to the jaded lives of its "Technique" editors.

As St. Valentine's month wears on the near approach of the class-dinner season is made evident by many signs, and the Lounger trusts to see a series of feasts of unequalled brilliance and gaiety. Ninety-six, with her "small but select" gathering, set a fitting example in all essentials, which the Lounger hopes to see well followed, particularly in the aforesaid essentials. As far as general essentials go they are all very well, whether they be laid down according to the law of Ninety-eight or after other rules. In this connection, to tell the

truth, the Lounger must confess a devouring curiosity to know whether our gallant Sophomores, whose Freshman exhibition of strait-laced Puritanism was so widely admired, will this year attain to the same heights of virtuous abstemiousness. The Lounger would indeed be surprised to witness a second so rabid eruption of the blue-ribboned apostles of righteousness, for it must be that a year of college life has made evident to Ninety-eight some things which last year escaped its verdant sapience. With age comes wisdom, sometimes, and if a year is long enough to merit the name of age, perhaps the Sophomores will be able to exhibit a spectacle of manly self-repression unaided by sumptuary legislation.

The Lounger begs to congratulate the Seniors upon the seriousness and general solemnity with which they have begun the work upon their Theses. The Lounger had prepared a most delightful subject for his own investigation, which would have been pursued to the bitter end had not the usual desperate luck overtaken his yearning spirit during the examinations. Whether his subject had to do with a statistical enumeration of the failings of some of our hard-worked faithless—misprint for faithful—he is not of course at liberty to disclose, preferring rather to conceal the whole matter with customary secretiveness. He might suggest to some of his friends in Course IX., however, who, he understands, devote much time to this sort of thing, that a careful discussion of the relation subsisting between a given devotion to prayerful exercise over the way, and the present worth of said devotee's chance for a sheepskin, might prove interesting as well as profitable.

He forbears, however, to give any definite directions on this subject, owing to a certain lack of experience, the acknowledgment of which he would make with an assumption of modesty did he think it would do any good. His only regret is that the celebrated discoverer of the much abused cathode ray did not defer his announcement till later, in order that some of the youthful Newtons in Ninety-six might have had a chance for collaboration. A certain selfishness on the part of the worthy prof. has prevented this desired felicity, and so the Lounger must resign himself to the conclusion that this year's theses will be just as startling as those of earlier periods. This is not a flattering remark, the Lounger might admit, but he feels that it at least possesses the questionable merit of incorrigible truth.



An Elegy.

But one short term this Freshman stayed,
 Though divers marks had he.
 His mid-report the F's displayed;
 His card, the P P C.

KAW.

Freshman Logic.

In Chemistry we were told one time
 By jolly Professor Pope,
 "Add soluble soap to a calcium salt,
 And you'll get a calcium soap."
 "Then," said a thoughtful Freshman,
 As his eye lit up with hope,
 "If to pear juice I add the solution
 Perhaps I shall get Pear's soap."

R.

CHOLLY'S IDEA.

Latht night I called on Floththie,
 Athked her to be my bwide,
 Told her I loved her deahly,
 Would nevah leave her thide.

But Floththie anthered cwewelly,
 "I don't caah foah you, you thee,
 And I can't be even your brothah"—
 Then a cwewel thmile thmiled she.

—*Lehigh Burr.*

TREED.

A spruce young man adored a maid,
 His love she did decline;
 And this young man, so spruce before,
 Turned quick as thought to pine.

—*Scio Collegian.*

"A word to the wise is sufficient,"
 Is a maxim we've frequently heard;
 And now what we want is a maxim
 To tell us just what is that word.

—*Lasell Leaves.*

She was walking with my rival,
 As they chanced to homeward roam;
 It was from my garret window
 I was seeing Nellie home.

—*Williams Weekly.*

STARS.

We strolled i' the twilight when the sun had set,
 And as we strolled, we looked and saw afar,
 Sending its tiny beam to mortal eyes,
 A single star.

I looked into her eyes, and then methought
 That, tho' long lashes interposed their bars,
 Before me shining bright as those of Heaven,
 I saw two stars.

Who could resist? I knew 'twas wrong, and yet,
 Since prudence lover's pleasure never mars,
 I kissed her. Then, in half a second's time,
 I saw more stars.

—*Brunonian.*

Maids petite, and maidens stately,
 You were with us only lately,
 But not now.

How we loved your tender glances,
 Fed our hearts on sweetest fancies,
 Made to beauty which entrances,
 Our best bow.

Broken hearts you leave behind,
 When their number you shall find,
 You'll repent.

Ah, you fickle maids, you knew,
 If your misdeeds you should rue,
 Fullest penance you could do,
 Soon—in Lent.

—*Yale Record.*

A DECADENT ASS.

An ass with long, green ears
 And pinkish hairs,
 Was browsing on the purple grass;
 No thoughts he had,
 He was a Beardsley Ass.

—*The Morningside.*

THE WIND.

The wind is a bachelor,
 Merry and free;
 He roves at his pleasure
 O'er land and o'er sea;
 He ruffles the lake,
 And he kisses each flower,
 And he sleeps when he lists
 In a jas'mine bower.

He gives to the cheek
 Of each maiden its bloom (?);
 He tastes her warm kisses,
 Enjoys her perfume;
 But, truantlike, often
 The sweets that he sips
 Are lavished the next moment
 On lovelier lips.

—*Univ. W. Courant.*



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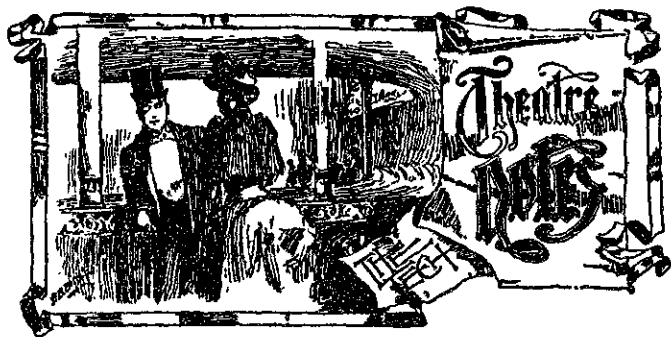
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