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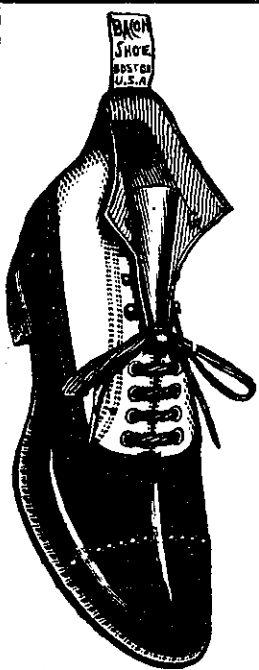
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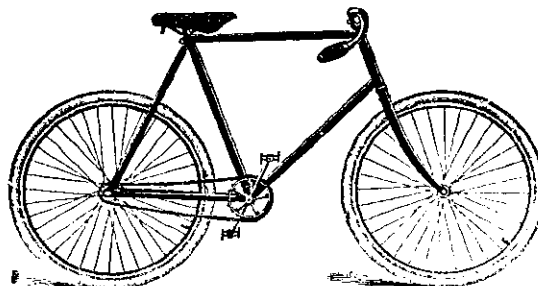


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*“My God, my Father, ere I stray  
Far from the path on life's rough way,  
O teach me from my heart to say  
Thy will be done.”*

GUY PRENTISS BURCH, respected, admired, loved by all who knew him, has passed away.

But a week ago Tuesday he was here among us, apparently in full health, attending recitations, exercising at the “gym,” and cheerfully making plans for the immediate future. The next day came the news that he had been taken suddenly ill, “nothing serious;” the next, “not quite so well;” then, in rapid succession, came to his anxious friends, “a little worse,” “no better,” and then those waiting in suspense, longing, praying for good news, began to despair. With startling swiftness came the end. In less than one week from the beginning of his illness Guy Burch had entered upon “the sleep that knows no waking.” That active brain, that alert, athletic frame is at rest; the voice that we loved so well is stilled forever.

No longer can we turn to him for the prudent advice and sound judgment that we have been so wont to lean upon; no longer can we

look to him to show us the way. To-day we have nothing but a memory of him who was our friend and counselor. But that memory can never fade. It is a vision of noble young manhood; the exemplification of honor, truth, and dignity; the realization of General Walker's cherished ideal,—a manly man.

Stricken in the heyday of his youth, taken from us at the threshold of his fair, young manhood, with his life's work hardly begun, Guy Burch has gone to his eternal rest.

Great as we feel our loss to be, deep as our sorrow is, our hearts go out to the loving family and devoted mother in their hour of affliction. And may it temper their grief to know that the short life of their beloved son has been fraught with good. Coming among strangers, he has, by his gentle, unassuming manner, and by his unselfish nature, won the love and respect of all who knew him; by his pure, manly life, he has set us a noble example that will always live in the memory of his friends.

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## Resolutions.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his wisdom to remove from our midst our comrade, Guy Prentiss Burch, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the Editors of THE TECH, hereby express our deep sorrow at the loss of one who was ever a faithful friend and conscientious worker, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family. And be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Editors of THE TECH.

For the Board,

MORGAN BARNEY,  
STANLEY G. H. FITCH,  
CLARENCE RENSHAW.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved friend and classmate, Guy Prentiss Burch, and

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Class of 1899, having had the benefit of his unselfish devotion during our undergraduate life, and appreciating his sterling character, do realize that our grief can be but slight compared with that of his bereaved family, be it

*Resolved*, That we extend our warmest sympathy to his loving family and devoted mother, in this time of great affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be sent to his family, be entered in the Minutes of the Class, and be published in THE TECH.

For the Class,

ARTHUR LITTLE HAMILTON,  
EDWARD HOSMER HAMMOND,  
CHARLES WALTER CORBETT, JR.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved friend and associate, Guy Prentiss Burch, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Athletic Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from our hearts extend our deepest sympathy and love to his family; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that it be published in THE TECH.

HERBERT MILTON MACMASTER,  
CHARLES WALTER CORBETT, JR.,  
*Committee.*

WHEREAS, In the death of Guy Prentiss Burch, his classmates at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and especially those who were more closely associated with him in their daily work, are deeply sensible of the loss of one who won their respect and admiration as a classmate, and who was dear to them as a friend, be it

*Resolved*, That the students in Civil Engineering offer to those who most keenly feel his loss their deepest sympathy.

For the Students in Civil Engineering, Class of '99.

HERBERT H. ADAMS,  
ALEX. R. HOLLIDAY,  
P. STOCKTON.

WHEREAS, it hath pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our true friend and comrade Guy Prentiss Burch, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Portfolio Committee of the Class of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-nine, do extend to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that a copy be entered in the minutes of the Committee, and be printed in THE TECH.

MILES STANDISH RICHMOND,  
*Chairman.*

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Civil Engineering Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have learned with deep regret that Almighty God, in his providence, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved associate, Guy Prentiss Burch, and

WHEREAS, We have at all times, during our intercourse with him as a fellow student and friend, cherished the utmost respect for his manly and upright character, his unselfish devotion to the interests of this Society, his class, and the Institute, be it, therefore

*Resolved*, That we take this opportunity to unanimously express our appreciation of our associate, whose sterling worth has helped us to a wider and better understanding of our duties to each other and to this Society, whose earnest face and helpful presence will ever be fondly treasured in our memory; be it further

*Resolved*, That we extend to his family our deep sympathy in their bereavement, that we transmit to them a copy of these resolutions, and that a copy be spread upon the records of this Society.

PROF. A. E. BURTON.  
E. JOHNSON, JR.  
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#### Guy Prentiss Burch.

GUY PRENTISS BURCH was born in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1877. He lived there and prepared for Technology at the Dubuque High School. He entered the Institute in the fall of 1895, and took the first-year work with the view of entering the Department of Civil Engineering. His conservative nature led him to form friendships slowly, but his sterling qualities made such friendships lasting. In his second year some evidence of his growing popularity was given by his election to the "Technique" Electoral Committee.

He was a member of the M. I. T. Tennis Association, and served on the Executive Committee in '97. He was a player of considerable ability, and stood well up in the tournaments in his first and second years.

He was also a prominent member of the Hare and Hound Club in his Freshman year. He was a charter member of the M. I. T. Gun Club, and was very active in its interests until his other duties compelled him to drop it.

In his Junior year he responded to the toast "Athletics" at the annual Class Dinner.

In May of this same year he was elected to the Board of Editors of THE TECH, where he took charge of the Athletic Department. After his success at Worcester, he was elected Captain of the Track Team.

Upon his return to the Institute last fall he entered heartily upon his duties,—too heartily for his bodily welfare. In addition to his work on THE TECH he was the Technology correspondent for the *College Athlete*, and also had charge of the Athletics in the Undergraduate Department in the *Technology Review*. These duties, together with his responsibilities as Captain of the Track Team, weighed heavily upon him. Feeling that he was undertaking too much, he resigned the Captaincy of the Track Team, not because the work was too much for him, but because he feared that he might not be able to give to it the time that was needed.

But he had thrown off the burden too late to save himself. The stress of his studies, the strain of training for Track work, and the responsibilities of his other duties had overwrought his nervous system, and during the first part of December last he was suddenly stricken down with appendicitis. To the intense relief of his friends he returned to the Institute after the Christmas vacation apparently as well as ever. But this illness, coming as it did during the most critical period of his undergraduate life, made graduation with his class impossible. This was a severe blow to him.

Two months ago the election of a Nominating Committee for Class-day Officers was held, and at this election Burch was one of the three men receiving the highest number of votes. His friends tried to prevail upon him to accept some honors at the hands of the class, but he declined to consider it, feeling that the graduation of a man was a necessary qualification for the acceptance of class honors. He was, however, nominated for the Class-day Committee, to which he was elected by the highest number of votes received by any man. At the same time he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on the Senior Portfolio.

He undertook all of his duties with the same tireless energy that had marked his career at the Institute. It proved too much. The responsibilities of his various duties, the stress of his studies, the thought of the class graduating without him, all worked upon his nervous system, and on April 4th he was stricken down without warning. The disease was diagnosed as cerebro-spinal meningitis. He grew rapidly worse, and on Friday his mother was sent for. She arrived Sunday night, and was with him as he passed away.

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GUY BURCH began his athletic career at the Institute on the '99 Baseball team in the spring of his Freshman year. In practice games, in two instances at least, he left the game of his own accord on account of nervousness. When the Class game with '98 was played Burch was in left field. The unusual excitement attending the most important game of a Class team seemed for once to key him to just the right pitch, and the feature of '99's play was his brilliant capture of two fly-balls after hard runs.

He began his work on the track in the fall of his Sophomore year. He entered in the Handicap Games on Irvington Oval, Oct. 24, 1896, where he secured second place in the 100-yard dash from the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -yard mark, the

race going to O. H. Gray, '98, from the same mark in  $10\frac{2}{5}$  seconds. At the same meet he ran on the '99 Class team with Dryer, Sawyer and West in the Class team races. This race was won by '99, '97, '98, '00, finishing in this order.

In the Annual Indoor Winter Meet, held at the "gym." on December 12th, Burch secured third place in the 35-yard dash to Grosvenor, '98, and Gray, '98; second in the 35-yard hurdles to Grosvenor, '98; and third in the high jump to Putnam, '98, and Butcher, '98.

This ended his career for over a year, as trouble with his heart caused him to give up training. The next time he appeared on the track was in the Annual Indoor Winter Meet, held at the "Gym." on December 17th of his Junior year. At this meet he was second to Dryer, '99, in the 35-yard dash in  $4\frac{1}{5}$  seconds. He won the 35-yard hurdles in  $4\frac{4}{5}$  seconds, and was second to Baxter, '01, in the standing broad jump.

At the Boston College Meet, on February 28th of last year, he captured third place in both the 45-yard low hurdles and the 45-yard novice dash.

At about this time the Advisory Council was formed, and Burch was elected as a representative of the Athletic Association. He served on the Council up to the time of his death.

On March 25th he won the 35-yard dash from the 1-foot mark at the Open Games of the M. I. T. A. A. In the Class games, held at Riverside last spring, he won the 100-yard dash in  $10\frac{2}{5}$  seconds, the 220-yard dash in  $23\frac{2}{5}$  seconds, and the running broad jump with a mark of 19 feet 6 inches.

At the Tech.-Amherst Dual Meet, also held at Riverside, he was second to Curtenius, Amherst, in the 100-yard dash; he won the 220 low hurdles in  $26\frac{3}{5}$  seconds, and took third place in the running broad jump, with a mark of 19 feet  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

It was at Worcester last May that Burch did his best work. He was entered in the 220

low hurdles. He won his heat as did Kendall of Amherst, Potter of Williams; and these three with Carpenter of Dartmouth, who won the heat for second men, started in the finals. This was a fast field but Burch was in beautiful form. Clearing the flights splendidly, he covered the distance in  $25\frac{3}{5}$  seconds, an easy winner. This is the Intercollegiate record for the event.

On the way home that night he was unanimously elected captain of the Track team for this year, which position he resigned last winter.

In the Fall Meet at Holmes' Field he showed that he had lost none of his speed, by coming in a close second in the 100-yard dash which was won by Hall, '00, from the 3-yard mark in  $10\frac{1}{5}$  seconds. He also won the 220-yard hurdles in  $26\frac{2}{5}$  seconds.

Shortly after these games he was taken ill with appendicitis and has done no Track work since. It was his intention to start in on the Charlesbank Track last Tuesday for the spring training.

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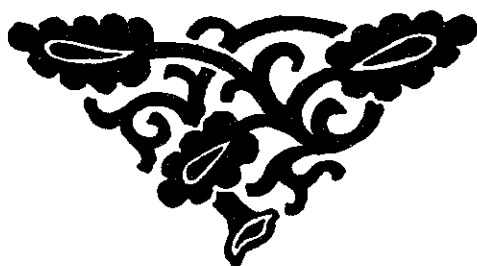
We print the following from Professor Swain:—

“For the first time in many years, if not for the first time in the history of the Institute, the ranks of the Senior Class in Civil Engineering

have been broken by the death of one of its members. Guy P. Burch entered the Institute in September, '95, and until the present year was a regular student in Course I. In the autumn of 1898 an attack of appendicitis kept him away from school for a number of weeks, and upon his return he was obliged to relinquish the hope of graduating with his class, and wisely determined to devote an additional year to his work and to graduate with the Class of 1900. He was apparently rapidly recovering his strength and successfully continuing his studies when sickness again laid hold of him, and he was taken away.

“Mr. Burch was an excellent student. He was careful, conscientious, courageous. He had high ideals, and strove earnestly to reach them. He was above all meanness, and his influence among his fellow students was always for the highest and best. Quiet and undemonstrative, and perhaps a little difficult to get acquainted with, he was nevertheless very popular with his classmates, and had the entire respect and confidence of his instructors,—all of whom feel most keenly the loss which they have sustained. He has been cut off just as his prospects were brightest, his hopes highest. We are glad that we have known him, glad that he has been one of us, and with respect and affection tender our tribute to his memory.

G. F. S.”



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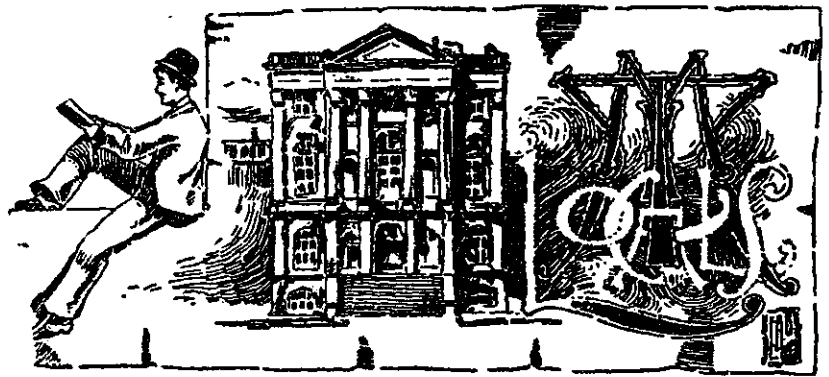
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### M. I. T. A. A.

THE Executive Committee met last Friday at noon. The sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated for training purposes for the bicycle squad. It was voted to send Manager Winslow to Providence to complete the details for the Dual Meet with Brown.

A communication was received from Tufts, proposing a triangular league with M. I. T. and Trinity. This league was to insure meetings in baseball, football, and athletics. It was decided to dismiss the offer, as baseball at the Institute is out of the question, and the Track team has its full quota of meets for this spring. The Football team has already a game scheduled at Tufts in the fall. Tufts was asked, however, to make a formal proposal in regard to the matter for next year, and the proposition will be submitted to the Advisory Council for consideration.



Owing to the death of Mr. Guy P. Burch, the Board of Editors of *The Tech* has abandoned the Tea planned for April 25th.

Among the leading features of the coming minstrel show will be the ballet. Applicants have been numerous; but it is hoped that even more men will come out, as it will be necessary to select, from a large number of candidates, only those whose Terpsichorean ability is undoubted, in order to select a corps of fifty star dancers. It is expected there will be several novel solo and trio dances. The entire work of coaching the men for the dancing will be assumed by Mr. Coleman, who was in charge of the First Corps Cadets' ballet. Any man desiring to try for the ballet, and particularly any man who can do eccentric dances, is requested to send his name, as soon as possible, to A. W. Rowe, '01, "Cage."

The 525th meeting of the Society of Arts will be held at the Institute to-day. Mr. George L. Hosmer, of the Institute, will present a paper on the "Middlesex Fells Geodetic Observatory." It will embody a description of the building and apparatus, with a résumé of the work of the past season. All persons interested are invited to be present.

The Walker Club Poster Competition has closed, and the prize poster has been decided upon. The best design was that of E. T. Howes, '01, and to him the prize of ten dollars is awarded. To H. S. Graves, '99, the management has voted a second prize of five dollars for the excellent poster submitted by him in the competition. The design of Mr. Howes

will be used by the management for the cover to the programme of the Junior Week Theatricals.

G. M. Richmond, '99, and L. R. Loveman, '99, conducted a plant test on the lighting and power plant in the Walker Building at Boylston Street last Sunday. The plant consists of one 35 horse power Ball engine, one tandem Buckeye engine of 150 horse power, two boilers with mechanical stokers, and three Mather dynamos. The plant was run as in ordinary everyday use, with the Buckeye engine running five hours out of every twenty-four. The test started Saturday evening at 10.15, and was run in 8-hour shifts, twelve men on a shift for twenty-four hours. It afforded an excellent opportunity for a glimpse of the practical work, and the positions were eagerly sought for by men in Course VI., '99 and '00.

The committee appointed last week to draw up resolutions expressing the sentiment of the Athletic Association in regard to the new gymnasium has completed its work, and the resolutions have been handed to the Alumni Committee. This resolution embraces the fact that the Athletic Association believe the undergraduate body will be more benefited by a gymnasium with an athletic field adjoining, even if the cost of the gymnasium itself has to be reduced in order to meet this expense.

The Council of the Technology Club has removed the restrictions regarding undergraduate membership from the Class of '99, and will consider the Class of 1900 eligible up to the full limit of sixty.

A call has been issued for candidates for the Sophomore Baseball team.

Following the lead of the Track team, the football men will adopt a 'Varsity cap. It will probably be entirely different from the track cap in detail.

The first squad for rifle practice went to Walnut Hill, Woburn, Saturday afternoon.

The shooting was very successful, considering the inexperience of the men, and every prospect is given that the Institute will have a good team. Captain Bordman has appointed G. E. Russell, '00, temporary captain of the Institute team. Nineteen Hundred also showed good material for a nucleus for its class team. Another squad will go next Saturday. The following were the scores, the possible being 25: Russell, '00, 25; Ingalls, '00, 12; Stearns, '00, 14; Ayers, '00, 19; Paraschos, '01, 10; Briggs, '02, 9; Hervey, '02, 15; Stillings, '02, 14; F. N. Fowler, '02, 16; Avery, '02, 12; Tuell, '02, 13.

We take pleasure in announcing the election of W. T. Aldrich, '01, E. H. Davis, '01, and A. L. Appleton, '02, to the Board of Editors, and of A. S. More, '02, as assistant business manager of THE TECH.

At the Freshman Class meeting last Tuesday the Committee on Military Affairs made a report on the expense of giving an exhibition drill at Mechanics' Hall. A motion was then made to give an exhibition drill at the latter place, and was immediately laid upon the table by an almost unanimous vote. Although the meeting was poorly attended, as usual, the vote may be said to have expressed the sentiments of the whole class.

#### The Trophy Room.

THE Sub-Committee of the Institute Committee reports as follows on the Trophy Room:—

“The room is to be painted and provided with desks for the larger organizations, and with drawers for the smaller. Cases are to be provided for cups, flags, etc.

“It is the intention of the Committee to fit out this room for temporary use only, as space has been allotted in the new Gymnasium for a permanent Trophy Room. The Committee will be obliged to students who possess Institute trophies of any kind if they will allow the same to be put on exhibition.”



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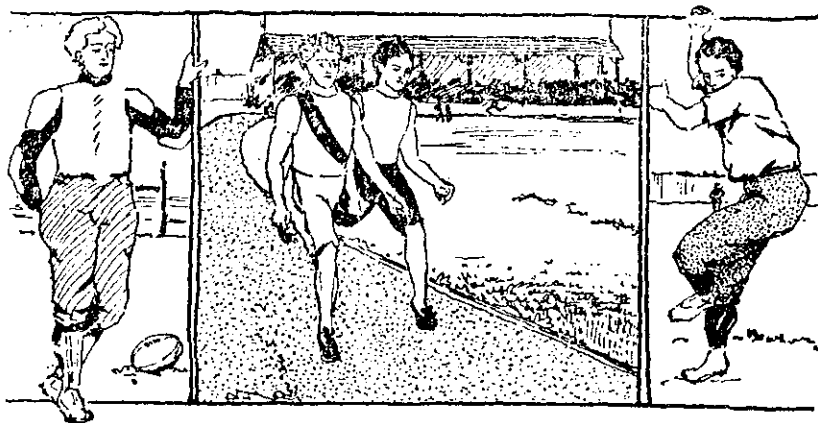
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Saturday, April 22d.—St. Mark's School.  
Thursday, April 27th.—Harvard Freshman.  
Saturday, April 29th.—Salem High.  
Wednesday, May 3d.—Groton.  
Saturday, May 6th.—Thayer Academy.  
Monday, May 8th.—Tufts Freshman.

Other games are pending.

Nineteen Hundred and Two beat Arlington High, Saturday, 9-5.

The Hare and Hounds Club held a run from Somerville on Saturday. Emery and Richardson, the hares, laid a trail about seven miles in length through the Middlesex Fells, taking in the hills of Medford and returning again by the Fells. The run was an ideal one, the day being warm and beautiful, and the footing firm.

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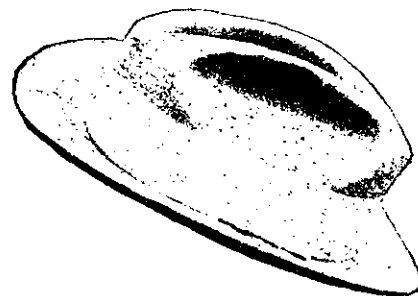
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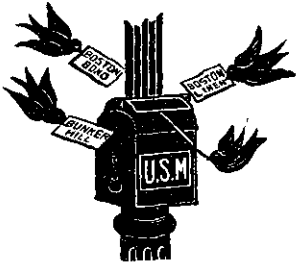
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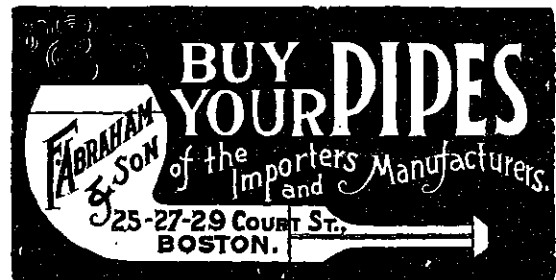
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