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In connection with this statement of President Eliot, our readers will recall the remark made by Professor Emery of Dartmouth, at the last Technology Alumni dinner, to the effect that the time had come when the degree of B. S. was on an equal footing with that of B. A., and that the time was fast approaching when it would rank far higher.

No one, we venture to state, will dispute the fact that it is well-nigh impossible, without extraordinary preparation at entrance, to secure the degree of B. S. at Technology in less than four years of study, and the hardest kind of study, at that.

Taking the degree of B. A. as granted by Harvard, as a fair example of the degree granted by our leading universities, and with the relative amount of work necessary for the attainment of the degree as a basis of comparison, the conclusion is at once apparent that the time has already come when the degree of B. S., as granted by M. I. T., at least, stands far higher than the degree of A. B.

An unfortunate fact connected with our educational life at the Institute is that the majority of students place too low a value on the importance of English subjects, and particularly English composition. Through the neglect of this side of education, or at least, the failure to make the most of it, there is always the tendency to develop in a one-sided manner, which narrows the conception of life as a whole. It is, indeed, time that the pursuit of the mathematical sciences leads to the employment of a terse strong form of English composition, but
there is lacking the development of the lighter, and more fanciful side. There is of necessity little gracefulness in mathematical writing and less fancy. And yet, it is this less serious, though important side, which gives one that fulness, that rounded comprehension, which is of so much value in life. Each year sees the entrance into the Institute of men who not only have potential possibilities of becoming good writers, but also, many who have actively these capabilities.

There are offered, besides the English courses, opportunities for the student to exercise his ability in this direction. In the present instance we are referring particularly to *Technique*, which is to appear in April. *The Tech* has some inside information of the book this year, and it is sure to equal if not surpass former *Techniques*. Those who wish to make the success still more certain should contribute verses and grinds, and thus, by making the humorous and lighter parts of the book more representative and more interesting, gain for themselves the benefits of an occupation, the usefulness of which is certain to repay them in the future.

It may seem almost impertinence for *The Tech* to criticize any action of the Faculty or Corporation, but the evident indefiniteness in the choice of a new President seems to us most detrimental to the standing and good name of the Institute. It certainly can do Tech no good to have an offer of the Presidency refused, even once, and if it should occur several times Technology's position would become ridiculous. It would seem to us the proper plan of action first to ascertain a man's views on the subject and then, if these be favorable, to present the formal invi-

tation, thus throwing out the possible chance of its being refused.

Many rumors, some founded on fact, but the majority most vague, have been heard regarding the successor of President Crafts in the spring. Chief among the men proposed are ex-Governor Roger Wolcott, Hon. John D. Long, Pres. Seth Low of Columbia University, Professor William T. Sedgwick, Pres. Mendenhall of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Rear-Admiral Sampson. The last-named gentleman was the guest of honor at a reception of the Y. M. C. A. at the Student House last week and there announced that he had been formally invited to take the chair. He has refused it, however, as it would necessitate his withdrawal from naval life, for which he believes himself to be better fitted.

On the whole, then, everything is very indefinite concerning the presidency, and idle speculations by the outside world thereon are useless if not quite out of place.

**Battalion Appointments.**

Before Breakfast.

T was one of those clear cold nights late in November. The streets were deserted and the absence of lights in the houses of the neighborhood indicated that the hour was late. The wind played havoc with the dismantled vines about the windows and its melancholy whistling did little to comfort the occupant of one room in an unattractive boarding house in the South End. He sat dozing before the slowly dying embers of an open fire. The half-smoked pipe had dropped from his sleepy fingers and lay upon the floor in imminent danger of being crushed by the clumsy rocking-chair.

He was from the West and friends of his family had made it most pleasant in former years by extending their hospitality at the holiday season. From the first he had enjoyed the company of one of the younger daughters and it was not long before people surmised, as people will, that there was something between the young folks.

Now it was Thanksgiving again, but, instead of looking forward to a repetition of the jovial times, he sat cursing his luck that a misunderstanding had blasted his hopes of an invitation this year and worse yet he was given to understand that his friendship was no longer desired.

Mystified he sat long before the fire until, overcome with fatigue, he dropped into a troubled sleep.

It was still dark when he was awakened by a hearty slap on the shoulder and a familiar voice sounded in his ear: "Perhaps I ought to apologize old man for disturbing your slumbers, I came through on the sleeper and not being in a sleeping mood I got up as soon as we reached Boston. I had my key from last year so I walked in. How are they going?"

A grunt from the chair was the only reply.

"Well there's no danger of my nose's peeling from the sun burst of this welcome. What's the matter with you anyway?"

A faint voice came from the direction of the rocker; "Davy, I'm miserable."

"As bad as that?" replied Davy. "A woman in the case, I suppose, as the fellow said when he found a female mummy. Eh?"

"This is no time to joke," retorted the other now more awake.

"Forgive me old man; really I didn't know it was anything serious. These affairs never used to bother you," replied his friend.

The two men seated themselves and David, expecting to hear a long story, carefully filled his pipe, applied a match and puffing meditatively, waited in silence. Dick sat with downcast eyes, his hands nervously stroking the threadbare arms of his rocking-chair.

"Come Dickey, it's your play," urged the older man.

"I haven't much to tell," replied the one addressed. "It's all over between us—and that's all."

"Oh, come now," exclaimed his companion between puffs, "Cheer up, the worst is yet to come—I mean you might be married or dead or something. It'll come out all right, I know it will.

By the way, what's this I hear about you at Russell's wedding? Queer that fellow and you should be of the same name and no relation."

"That was a coincidence," replied Dick, now thoroughly awake and keen to change the subject. "Some of the people at the reception took me for the groom. And wait till I tell you. What a joke on him! He forgot to get the marriage license and he came to me and asked if I wouldn't, as his friend, help him out of the present difficulty by hurrying to the city clerk's office and obtaining the document. It was all made out, he said, and I would only have to ask for it.

"I hurried to the office but luck was against me. The clerk had just left for lunch. Out I rushed and seeing him in the distance called out in my eagerness, 'I want a marriage license.' Hearing himself thus addressed he stopped, and, as I approached asked when the wedding was to take place. 'Now,' I fairly shouted in my excitement.

"Of course on our way to the office I explained that the license was for my friend Russell who in the hurry of his wedding day had neglected to call that morning. So far so good. I obtained the paper and congratulated myself on the successful execution of my commission.

"But on passing from the office I heard a remark addressed to me which caused the blood to rush to my face in a most uncomfortable manner.
"'You'd better hurry young fellow' shouted a bystander, 'if you want to get married this noon.'

"Then I imagined that everything about me had eyes and was doing its best to get a look at me, and I didn't regain my composure until I reached my carriage and had carefully drawn the curtains. And now I say that if another man forgets such a paper under similar circumstances and asks me to get it—I'll decline the honor. That's all."

"That's all is it," laughed Davy. "Perhaps you think so but I know something further about this little affair and the laugh is as much on my friend Russell who sits before me as upon my friend Russell who forgot his marriage license." And so saying he took from his card case a newspaper clipping and passed it grimly to his chum.

Dick read it and nearly collapsed. His surprise and horror knew no bounds when he saw among the marriage notices his own name coupled with that of the girl whom his friend had married.

He fairly groaned and flinging himself on the couch hid his face in the cushions. "Oh Davy this is too much" he almost sobbed. "What damn-fool newspaper man could have made the mistake of getting George's initials and mine mixed?" and thereupon he proceeded to anathematize every one connected with newspapers from the printer's devil to the editor-in-chief.

Suddenly the situation dawned on him. Yes, it must be so. She had seen this notice and had believed it. The mystery of the note was solved.

He jumped from the couch and throwing his arms about Davy's neck almost wept for joy.

"I see it all now," he shouted. "What in the name of the Hindoos has struck you Dickey? See what?" his friend questioned. And thereupon Dick explained the whole affair from beginning to end, eulogizing his little girl, as he insisted upon calling her, to such an extent that Davy was obliged to move that an intermission be taken for breakfast.

W. O. S.

Several changes and improvements have been made recently in the furnishings of THE TECH office, which have been due principally to the kindness of Mr. Knight and Prof. Richards. The Board takes this opportunity to return thanks cordially.

Tickets for the 1902 Class Dinner may be had from C. W. Kellog, Jr., R. Proctor, Jr., and C. A. Sawyer, Jr.

Orders for 1902 class canes must be in by February 26th. Orders may be left at the "Cage" for K. E. LOCKETT.

At the Boston Yale alumni dinner last Thursday evening, were present Prof. William T. Sedgwick and A. C. Walworth, Jr., M. I. T., '00.

At the annual banquet of the Society of Naval Engineers, held at Young's Hotel last Saturday evening, among the guests were Howard A. Carson, M. I. T., '67, Chief Engineer of the subway, and Prof. George F. Swain, M. I. T., '77.

At the third regular meeting of the Chauncy-Hall Club, on February 16th, the constitution was changed in order that four regular meetings may be held during the year. A dinner will be arranged to take place in March.

The Junior Class has elected the following Promenade Committee: President, V. F. Holmes (ex-officio), W. W. Whipple, W. T. Aldrich, Jr., C. W. Adams, W. I. Bickford, N. L. Danforth. The 1901 Dinner Committee consists of Ralph Plumb, H. H. Kennedy and K. H. Knox.

At the meeting of the Class of 1900, on Friday, February 16th, nominations for the Portfolio Committee were made. These nominations will be voted for on February 23rd. The Photograph Committee, which
was elected at the meeting, consists of F. D. Chase, L. M. Lawrence and H. L. Walker.

The marriage of Mr. Theodore H. Skinner and Miss Viola C. Kelley took place at Niagara Falls Centre, on February 1st. Mr. Skinner graduated from the Institute in the Class of '93 and is at present in charge of second year Architectural Design, filling the place of Mr. Gardner, who is this year in Europe. The Tech extends to Mr. Skinner its congratulations and best wishes.

At a banquet of the Massachusetts Schoolmasters’ Club, held on Saturday, February 17th, at the Brunswick Hotel, Professor Dewey was one of the three speakers, the others being Rev. Lyman Abbott and Mr. S. Walter Foss. Mr. Gordon A. Southworth presided over the meeting, which consisted of over one hundred and fifty members. Professor Dewey spoke on “Some Encouraging Tendencies in American Life.”

At a meeting of the Chicago Club, held on February 13, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: F. D. Chase, '00, President; Kenneth Lockett, '02, Vice-President; W. M. Dowry '03, Secretary; Harold Curry, '02, Treasurer; H. E. Osgood, K. Lockett, Dinner Committee.

The club will hold a dinner on February 23 at the Castle Square Hotel, at 7:30. The expense is $1.00 per plate.

All Chicago men, whether members or not, are invited.

The following men were elected to membership of the M. I. T. Yacht Club at the meeting held on February 16th: F. Poole, '02, P. G. L. Hilken, '01, J. L. Gilson, '03, G. E. Seymes, '03, R. F. Field, '03. A dinner will be held by the club before the middle of March. On account of R. B. Clark's leaving the Institute, W. T. Aldrich, '01, was elected to fill the office of Commodore. Sears was elected Vice-Commodore and C. G. Mixter, '02, Treasurer.

The Medicine Man Theatricals.

The rehearsals are just beginning for the comic opera which is to be produced this spring under the auspices of the Athletic Association. The opera is entitled “The Medicine Man” and is to be given at the Hollis Street Theatre. The piece is written by Merwin and Dickinson and is in two acts. Mr. Mullaly, the musical director of the theatre, has charge of the music. Mrs. Janet Edmundson Walker, formerly of the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., has general supervision of the stage direction, and Mr. John Coleman will again attend to the ballet. These people are all well known and perfectly competent to make the affair a great success. The Technology students having the opera in charge are: Milton W. Hall, '00, Business Manager; A. W. Rowe, '01, Stage Manager; Ray Murray, '01, Tickets; C. W. Corbett, '01, Press Agent; and H. H. Saylor, '02, Ass't Business M'g'r.

About thirty men were present at the first rehearsal last Saturday. The Management would like to have at least one hundred and fifty men to choose from. Besides the principal parts there is to be a chorus and ballet, each of forty men. Trials for principals in the play were held on Thursday, February 15th.

Convention of the N. E. I. A. A.

The annual convention of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held on Saturday last at the Copley Square Hotel. Amherst, Brown, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, M. I. T., Tufts, Williams, Wesleyan and Worcester Polytechnic Institute answered the roll call. Technology was represented by President MacMaster, Treasurer Murray and Manager Corbett.

After the unfinished business had been disposed of, the convention proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The result of the election was as follows: President, Sweet
of Bowdoin; Vice-President, Ives of Wesleyan; Secretary, Chase of Brown; Treasurer, Murray of M.I.T.; Executive Committee, Gouch of Dartmouth, Wood of Williams, Vonderpool of Amherst.

President Sweet was authorized by the convention to appoint a committee of five to draw up a new Constitution.

The M.I.T. delegates led in an effort to have the two mile bicycle race held on a regular bicycle track. This the convention finally decided to do, and the event will be held at Charles River Park on the morning of the regular meet. This will be held, as usual, in Worcester under the management of Mr. F.H. Bigelow.

**Resolutions Passed by the Class of 1901.**

**ERNEST BLAKE ALLEN.**

Whereas: — The hand of Divine Providence has taken from us one of our number, Ernest Blake Allen, in whom we have lost a beloved friend and a faithful classmate, be it

Resolved: — That we, the Class of 1901, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, express deep sorrow at the loss we have sustained, the loss of one who by his sincerity and kind-heartedness as well as by his noble character and manly qualities, has endeared himself to all who knew him. That we desire to extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. And also be it

Resolved: — That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the departed, that they be placed on the records of the Class of 1901, that they be published in *The Tech.*

R. S. Littlefield, 
L. W. Horne, 
P. G. L. Hilken. 

For the Class.

Columbia has recently increased her scope along co-educational lines by the absorption of Barnard College.

Yale has 700 men trying for the various teams.

Among the coachees for the different college teams for this year are Dr. E. H. Nichols, Harvard: Irwin, of Washington League for U. P.; Keator, Yale '97, for Columbia; Jennings, of Brooklyn League for Cornell.

Details for the annual Harvard-Yale boat race were arranged Saturday evening, the 17th, in New York by the college representatives. The date set was June 28. W. H. Meiselhan, of Columbia, will be referee, and J. W. Curtiss, Yale '79, will be chairman of the Regatta committee.

The governmental policing of the course last year was so inefficient that the two colleges will have several police-boats of their own, under orders to arrest any one obstructing the course.

Arrangements have been practically completed for an athletic meet with Brown, to be held during the coming spring. The Brown students are stung by their defeat of last year, and are training hard to put out a winning team. It has not yet been decided whether the meet will be held in Providence or Boston, but the date will be set for the latter part of April.

Plans are at present being considered by the executive committee of the Athletic Association relative to holding a triangular outdoor meet with Brown and Dartmouth next year. Dartmouth is favorable to such a plan and it is understood that Brown is also willing.
If this meet can be successfully arranged it would doubtless do much towards the formation of a permanent triangular league between the three colleges, and this would mean an incentive of immense importance to athletics at Technology.

Several important additions have recently been made in the equipment of the two gymnasiums belonging to the Institute. At the Exeter Street Gymnasium, a long climbing ladder has been put up and some bar stalls erected at the north wall of the building. Four chairs have been added to the Co-ed’s Gymnasium in the Pierce Building, thus bringing the total number up to twenty-four. Heavy green curtains now cover the windows. This is a great improvement. One of the cushions has also been decorated with a bow of dainty blue ribbon. The effect of this bit of local color is really charming. Some of the apparatus shows signs of recent use.

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'90. Mr. Geo. D. Chapman, II., has been promoted to the superintendency of the famous Fitchburg Machine Works.

'94. Mr. H. Benney, VI., has left the copper business for a position with the General Incandescent Arc Light Co., of New York.


'99. John B. Ferguson, I., is with the C. B. & Q. R. R., Nebraska.


'99. Bernard Herman, I., is with the Edge More Bridge Works, Wilmington, Del.

'99. Mr. L. A. Newell, III., is at present prospecting near Ketchum, Idaho.

'99. T. W. Bailey, IV., is with Winslow, Wetherell & Bigelow, Architects, 120 Tremont Street, Boston.
of an old-time tragedy. All thus far has been easy snickers by the class, and you have all the elements show up. Add to this a Greek chorus of subdued complicity of a time waiting for him when he did way to the effect that this delinquent Jiffy had a coming out dark hints and insinuations in a rather obscure when this little exercise became in time monotonous, this name, waiting in vain for a response. Now this son of paper. And suppose again that one particularly for the term to write their names in a list upon a strip ample, suppose that a certain instructor more or less to convey the desired impression. Let us, for example, suppose that a certain instructor more or less well known by a tendency to a hearty conviviality took the A West Jiffy to be the name of one of his much like that, now what is the natural conclusion? This address were "West Jiffy" or something very vinous. To pore laboriously over the dusty volumes of statistics of Consumption, Taxes and Death, and to fabricate reports thereon of such length that the mere thought of the reader thereof is pathetic, was not as entrancing an occupation as to stand with expectant eyes over the sputtering test tube or the spontaneous explosion of the hydrogen generator. The majority were content with watching the last kicks of an unconscious frog, who, by this means, preached a most eloquent sermon to the observant student of life. Then suddenly a Co-ed. appeared in Course IX. No longer did one day drag drearily after the other with nothing to break the silence but the voice of the lecturer and the yawns of the students and the quarrels of the Walker Club; nor did the Course IX. man any longer appear with unshaven face and soiled shoes. In short, life appeared to be worth living, at least up to the spring exams. The happy condition seemed too good to last. It was. It soon disappeared with the rapidity of a forgotten T square in the Freshman drawing rooms. And The Lounger, who had been picturing to himself the scene of blasted hopes, drew a long sigh and turned to enter the door of the Lunch Room and lose himself in its sophisticated surroundings. He found himself suddenly confronted by a man — the very incarnation of health and happiness; it was a well-known Course IX. instructor. The Lounger groaned and was preparing to break the recent news as gently as possible, when he was interrupted. "Have you heard the latest?" was the joyful inquiry. The Lounger looked up in surprise. "The Co-ed has left the Course." "Yes, I know," from The Lounger. "But another has come in! She will be with us for four years." Completely overcome, The Lounger had time only to make a fleeting reflection upon the fickleness of fortune, before viewing the doubly overwhelming sight of a Senior buying a Tech.

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Tremont Theatre. — “The Ameer” will continue to remain one more week. This play of Frank Daniels’ has proved to be a drawing card for Boston theatre-goers. “The Ameer” is a comic opera, and is surely above the average of recent comic operas in staging and music.

Boston Museum. — The greatest farce this year that has been in Boston is “The Girl from Maxims.” This play created a great sensation in Paris, and appears to be doing even the same here. It is a play that keeps one in a continuous laughter all the time. The excitement commences at the rising of the curtain and does not end during the play.

Castle Square Theatre. — The dramatized version of Dr. A. Conan Doyle’s novel, “The Firm of Girdlestone,” will be the attraction this week. This story is one of those which first called attention to this now-famous author, and its intensely dramatic character makes it an admirable foundation for an interesting play. The dramatic version has been done by Messrs. Walter H. Dugan, Henry D. Coolidge and Arthur L. Griffin, all of Boston.

Columbia Theatre. — “The Rounders,” which has had such a success at the Casino, is the attraction at this theatre. Thos. Q. Seabrook will appear in his original part Dan Daly. This is a very entertaining play and is well worth seeing.

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In our desire to disseminate entirely novel and almost unattainable information, we entered into the remote research necessary to disinter this anecdote.

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