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THE attention of the readers is called to the extract from the 1900 Constitution, in regard to Class-day elections. Briefly, the system is this: By the Australian ballot system, the class elects a Nominating Committee of twenty-five members. The ballots contain the names of all members of the class, and the twenty-five receiving the highest number of votes form the committee. This committee nominates a certain number of men for the various Class-day offices, and later the class votes on these names.

The scheme is admirable in that it does away with the unfortunate results arising from unrepresentative Class-day elections. Coming at the very end of the life of the class here, this election should not be disgraced by wire pulling, and should be on a fair and equal basis for all.

We congratulate 1900 on having chosen this excellent system, and feel sure that the next Class-day will be conducted by men representative of the class.

In the past, the Walker Club plays have been especially taken from the works of Piners. There is no doubt that these plays are the best which have been produced in the present generation, and undoubtedly the Walker Club has chosen well. However, there is a higher value in the older plays, and the Walker Club has turned to these. The only comedies written in English during the eighteenth century which are at hand, and are arranged for presentation, are those of Sheridan and Goldsmith. But there is scarcely an educated, theatre-going person who is not intimately acquainted with these, both in reading and acting; almost everyone has seen “The Rivals,” “The School for Scandal,” and “She Stoops to Conquer” upon the stage.

To be sure, they are so good that one could well afford to see them again; but there is, in regard to choosing these plays for college dramas, a great objection. In the first place, college men are amateurs; and, secondly, this great disadvantage exists: the female characters must be taken by men, and from a comparison with the great actresses who had every detail worked down to a deli-
cacy, they would appear so crude as to be unbearable. In the "revival" movement of late years, the choicest of the old English plays are selected and readapted for the stage of the present. Generally, the setting of scenery and the costumes are retained in their original form which gives an old and yet decidedly novel flavor to the whole. A good example of a "revival" was "The For-Armes by Land and Sea," which was produced by one of the societies at Harvard last year.

The play chosen by the Walker Club, as was announced by the Play Committee, is "The Miser." It is a most fortunate selection; it is extremely entertaining and witty, and has the highest literary value. This must necessarily follow when we remember that it is one of the best of the incomparable comedies of Moliere. In producing this play the Walker Club is doing a work most laudable from the standpoint of art.

Although nothing decisive has been done with regard to the proposed Triangular Meet between Tech., Brown, and Dartmouth, yet its significance is being widely discussed in athletic circles and elsewhere. It is only a few years since Technology was not considered in the same class with many of our New England colleges, in matters pertaining to athletics, but the growth of interest and ambition along these lines, and an increased support by the students, has helped Tech. wonderfully and made its advance in this direction worthy of remark. Now to find ourselves associated with colleges second only to Harvard and Yale in athletics, is significant of the beginning of a new era of intercollegiate competition at Tech., giving an opportunity for the much-needed and encouraging support of the students and the alumni.

A college gains a certain prestige by athletic victories as it does by all others, and we trust now that an opportunity is given to enter into the field of active competition with colleges of creditable athletic records, Tech. will make the most of its opportunities.

Daily Themes.

Reynard.

A large, red fox lay on the cover of a grain bin in the barn. His side was wet with the blood which was flowing from several wounds inflicted by the small shot of a gun. I was sitting quietly on a box near by, when a slight quiver in one of the legs of the fox attracted my attention. Another tremor shook his body and he was about to raise his head when a noise from my direction caused him to stiffen out as if dead. A boy friend, the slayer of the fox, re-entered the barn at this juncture. I told him of my discovery of Reynard's resurrection and tricking. We stood near by watching quietly for further evidences of life. Suddenly the fox lifted his head to look about, and, not noticing us, was again about to rise, when we both started towards him. As quick as a flash he straightened out again and lay without the slightest sign of life. We quickly slipped the noose of a small, tough rope over his head and drew it tightly about his neck. Then what kicking and barking there was! Reynard was in truth at the end of his rope, and putting aside all sham and trickery he made a final struggle for his freedom. We tossed the rope over the top of the door and hoisted Reynard off his feet. Then we went out of the barn, leaving him to the solitude of his own foxy thoughts. H. S. M.

It had come at last; I had just got to ask a girl to go with me to the Class Reception.
Having chosen Miss Smith as my victim,—for the girls rather regarded it as a martyrdom to go anywhere with me,—about eight o’clock I started out. The evening was very cold. Several times I started to whistle, but in the middle of a tune I would stop unconsciously to repeat, “Is Miss Smith at home? Could I speak to her a moment?” At last, arriving at the house, so that no one should hear me, I crept noiselessly up the board walk to the piazza. Without making a sound, taking off my overshoes, I placed them in the corner. Once, the creak of a board was followed by a silence so profound that I could hear the quick, uncertain thumpings of my heart. Next I took off my hat and brushed it, straightened my necktie, smoothed my hair, buttoned my coat, and put the lappels of my pockets outside. Finally, feeling to see if I had a clean handkerchief, I pulled the bell. The loud startling jangle of the bell was followed by a deep silence. After a long time, which I spent in pressing my knees together to keep them from shaking and in repeating the words I was to say, the door was opened by a maid. “Is Miss Smith at home?” “No, she is not in this evening.”

R. C. T.

I was sleeping with a party of forty men in the hold of a schooner. I awoke at some time in the night and began to listen. On each side of me the deep breathing of my sleeping neighbors was heard. Now and then a deep drawn sigh or a muttered expression of some dreaming sleeper broke the stillness of night. Here and there could be seen, in the faint light, silent forms of the supporting wooden posts and the heaps of wearing apparel hung on the wall. A few stars could be seen through the hatchway. Suddenly a head of some person shut off my view of the stars and then disappeared again. A few seconds later, a ghostly-looking form arose from one of the beds and floated towards the hatchway. From the same bed, the form of a man slowly raised itself to a sitting posture; stretched out one of his hands and called out in a sleepy voice, “Come back. Come back!” The only answer was the sound of a smothered laugh from somebody on deck. I heard the quick scamper of feet up above. Two forms then came quickly down the hatchway at the other end of the hold. They rushed by me and fell into an empty bed which was opposite me. A few seconds later the aroused sleeper came back down the hatchway carrying his stolen blanket. He went to bed muttering vengeance on some one.

J. B.

The Architectural Dance.

The Architectural Society gave its annual dance in the studio at the top of the Pierce Building on last Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st. The floor had been cleared and the side walls lined with booths containing couches, pillows and chairs. The whole room was gaily decorated in red and gray bunting, and vases, urns and plaster casts supplied the need of more substantial decorations.

The matrons were Mrs. Despradelle, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Crafts and Mrs. T. H. Skinner. Professors Despradelle, Chandler and Lawrence, and Mr. T. H. Skinner represented the instructive staff of the department. The young ladies were Miss Chandler, Miss Dimick, Miss Fenwick, Miss Gonneu, Miss Marston, Miss Pigeon, Miss Robey, Miss Saxton, the Misses Small and Miss Tanner. Messrs. Allyn, Buys, Fruit, Gale, ’99, Kattelle, L. M. Lawrence, C. V. Merrick, Parke, Pigeon, Puckey, St. Clair, Saylor, Sayward, Trenholme, Whittemore and Wood were the men present.

When one crosses the ocean one seldom sees an intoxicated person ’board ship, but if the passage is rough, the number of hangovers is surprising.—Ex.
Class Day Regulations.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Class shall vote by the Australian Ballot System (or as near to it as practicable), on March 7th for a Nominating Committee, and on March 28th for Class-day Officers and Class-day Committee.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board of the Class shall decide all matters not provided for in this system.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The ballots shall contain the names of all members of the Class. Voters shall mark the names of not more than twenty-five. The twenty-five receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the Nominating Committee. In case of a tie vote all men tied for twenty-fifth place on the Committee shall be members of the Committee. In case of a vacancy in the Committee the next highest candidate shall fill the position.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The Nominating Committee shall proceed as soon as possible to nominate candidates as follows: for Marshals, at least four; for Orator, Poet, Statistician, Historian, Prophet, at least two for each position; for Class-day Committee, at least twenty. These nominations must be finally reported in writing to the Executive Board on or before March 10th.

SECTION 2. Eighteen shall constitute a quorum of the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 3. The nominations of the Committee shall be at once posted by the Executive Board. Additional nominations may be made up till forty-eight hours before the time set for opening the polls on election day, each such additional nomination being signed by twenty-five members of the Class.

SECTION 4. No man shall be a candidate for more than one office.

SECTION 5. On the completion of a provisional report of the Nominating Committee, each candidate shall be officially notified of his nomination for office. Resignations will not be accepted later than forty-eight hours after the posting of the provisional report. Resignations of candidates nominated otherwise than by the Nominating Committee will be accepted not later than forty-eight hours before the opening of the polls.

SECTION 6. The Nominating Committee shall make all rules necessary for its government, not conflicting with anything herein stated.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. From the nominations of the Committee and any later nominations the voter shall mark: for Marshals, not more nor less than three; for Orator, Poet, Statistician, Historian, Prophet, one each; for the Class-day Committee, not more than fifteen.

SECTION 2. Unless the conditions above be complied with the ballot shall be considered void in so far as the irregularities affect it.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes for Marshals shall be First, Second and Third Marshals respectively. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for Orator shall be Orator; the same for Poet, Statistician, Historian and Prophet. The fifteen candidates receiving the highest number of votes for Class-day Committee shall be members of the Class-day Committee. The Executive Board shall decide in the case of a tie for the office of First or Second Marshals, the other tied candidate receiving the next lower office of Marshal. In the case of a tie for any other office, the Executive Board shall decide between the tied candidates; but all men tied for the last place on the Class-day Committee shall be considered members of that Committee.

SECTION 2. The First, Second and Third Marshals, Orator, Poet, Statistician, Historian, Prophet and the President of the Class ex-officio shall be the Class-day officers.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The First Marshal shall be chief Class-day officer and shall preside at all meetings of the Class-day Committee.

SECTION 2. The Second Marshal shall act as Treasurer of the Class-day Committee and in the absence of the First Marshal shall officiate in his stead.

SECTION 3. The Third Marshal shall act as Assistant Treasurer, and in the absence of the First and Second Marshals, shall officiate in their stead.

SECTION 4. The Poet, Historian, Statistician, Prophet and Orator shall have the usual duties of the office.

SECTION 5. The Class-day Committee shall have general charge of all Class-day affairs.
The members elected by the Class of 1903 for the Institute Committee are S. W. Underwood and F. W. Davis.

Mr. Charles M. Spofford will speak before the Civil Engineering Society on “Structural Shapes and Steel Rails,” on March 2nd.

The annual meeting of the M. I. T. Tennis Association will be held on Friday, March 2d. The election of officers and other important business is to be acted on.

Fraternity men whose societies are not represented at the Institute will please leave their names and fraternity for the Society Editor of Technique at the “Cage.”

Col. Curtis Guild will speak before the Technology Club at its ninth “Smoke Talk” on Friday evening, March 2d. His subject will be “Reminiscences of the Spanish War.”

At the Takawampait Minstrel Show at South Natick on February 23rd, the following Tech. men took part: J. C. Fruit, ’02, who gave a mandolin solo and P. Currey, ’02, a banjo solo, both of which were well received. W. P. R. Pember, ’02, sang and the part of Interlocutor was taken by F. H. Hunter, ’02.

W. W. Dow, manager of the Walker Club theatricals, announces that Mrs. Irving Winslow has been secured to train the cast for the Junior week theatricals. The play, “The Miser,” will be given probably on Wednesday evening, April 25th. R. B. Lowe, ’02, has been made assistant manager of the theatricals.

At the annual meeting of the Glee Banjo and Mandolin Clubs on Tuesday, February 27th, J. S. Bronson resigned the position of secretary, and J. C. Fruit was elected to the vacancy. Mr. Bronson was given a vote of thanks for his services as secretary. The clubs will probably not give a concert at Smith this year.

On Monday, February 19, the second year of the Architectural Course students visited the Sullivan Stone Works with Mr. T. H. Skinner. About twenty-five members of the course taking Stereotomy went and the practical methods of cutting and shaping sandstone, lime stone and marble were seen. The methods of the various stages of the work were explained by Mr. Skinner.

The Freshman Dinner will be held at Young’s Hotel on March 16th. All designs for menu covers should be handed to the committee before March 1st. All members of ’03, who have musical instruments, and are willing to volunteer their aid in passing a pleasant evening, are requested to notify the committee immediately. Applications for tickets should be made to members of the committee. F. W. Davis has been appointed toastmaster.

The catalogue for the present year is a volume of 360 pages, of which nearly one-third is occupied by the register of graduates and their professional occupations. The total registration for the present year is 1178. The total numbers by courses of regular students above the first year indicate a slight drift upward in Mining Engineering and Naval Architecture and downward in Architecture and Electrical Engineering. The number of students from foreign countries is 26.

**Calendar.**

*March 2.* Lecture by Mr. Chas. M. Spofford on “The Manufacture of Structural Shapes and Steel Rails,” before the Civil Engineering Society; 42 Pierce Building.

*March 3.* Regular Meeting Tech Board, Tech Office, 1 p. m.

*March 7.* Election of Nominating Committee by Class of 1900 for Class Day.

*March 9.* 1900 Class Dinner, Vendome.

*March 16.* 1903 Class Dinner.
Varsity men who have not returned their locker keys will please do so at once.

Harvard is to have a lacrosse team this year. Thirty-five candidates have appeared at the call and are now getting into shape for outdoor work.

Princeton is seriously considering having a crew next summer. The construction of the trolley road to Trenton now gives access to the Delaware after a half-hour’s ride.

The U. P. track team will sail for England on the liner "New York," June 20. The team is entered for the English championship games on July 7, and in the Olympian games at Paris, July 15-22.

An interesting announcement is made by Mr. Ray Murray, captain of the bicycle squad, to the effect that both a pursuit and a team race will probably be held with Amherst. The races will be run off at Charles River Park, and will, if possible, be arranged as part of the program in connection with some large bicycle meet.

The Hare and Hounds Club will hold their first run for the season next Saturday, if the weather is favorable. The run will be held from the Pumping Station at Chestnut Hill Reservoir, and men wishing to go should be on hand to leave the Gym. at 2 p.m. As this is the first run of the season, the course will be shorter and the pace easier than on the later runs.

A meeting of the N. E. Intercollegiate Lawn Tennis Association was held at the Adams House last Saturday for the purpose of organization. Delegates were present from Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Brown, Dartmouth, Tufts, Technology, Wesleyan and University of Vermont.

A constitution was drawn up and adopted, and officers elected as follows: President, E. G. Thatcher, Technology; Vice President, Dana, Bowdoin; Secretary-Treasurer, E. Tudor Gross, Brown. A tournament will be held during the week of May 14, probably on the Longwood courts. Each college will be represented by two single teams and one double.

M. I. T. defeated Andover at hockey on February 21, 3—1. The game was very exciting from the start, and the result was in doubt until the end. In the first half Trenholme scored almost immediately for M. I. T. on good team work. After this no scoring was done, although the play was chiefly in Andover’s territory. The second period opened with a goal for Andover, which was soon followed by two goals for M. I. T. by Hill and Smith. Andover now played very hard, but to no purpose, for no more scoring was done. Smith, Hill and Howe played well for Tech, and Reed and Benedict excelled for Andover. The line-up: M. I. T.—Hill, f, Smith, f, Burr, f, Trenholme, f, Hyde, cp, Baldwin, p, Howe and Kingman, g. Andover—Reed, f, Dousman, f, Benedict, f, Smith and Beck, f, Levvy, cp, Silleck, p, Byrd, g. Goals: Smith, Hill, Trenholme, Dousman. Time: two twenty-minute periods. Referee, Smith; time-keeper, Bailey.

During the past term several articles, such as books and the like, have either been taken by mistake, or stolen from the lunch-room in Pierce Building. Such occurrences show that a stricter watch should be kept by the students there over their property in order to prevent any further repetition of such careless or lawless acts.
A Letter from the Philippines.

[NOTE. The "Christmas wishes" in the following letter are somewhat delayed, but quite excusably so.—Ed.]

CAPAS, P. I., Dec. 21, 1899.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH: —

Perhaps some account of how Thanksgiving Day was spent on the "firing line" will be of interest to your readers. The weather was fine and clear but hot, with the thermometer at about 80° in the shade. Reveille sounded at 5:45 A.M. After roll-call we had breakfast — rice, coffee and hard-tack. At 7:30 eight men and a corporal went on a patrol down the railroad about three miles. The rest lay around the huts lazily. At 11:30 A.M. we had dinner, of which I give the menu. It was an elegant spread and much appreciated by the boys. Although we couldn't get "seconds" on anything we managed fairly well.

- Soups.
- Beef. (Killed in action.)
- Fish. (Absent but accounted for.)
- Roasts.
- Turkey. (On sick report.)
- Entrees. (Out on patrol.)
- Pies. (Captured.)
- Custard. (Absent.)
- Berry. (On Guard.)
- Lemon. (Captured.)
- Apple. (Deserted.)
- Puddings. (Reported missing.)
- Fruit. (On post; cannot be relieved.)

You see we had quite a spread. Although each one got only about one-half a cup of soup it was a taste and we supplied the deficiency with hard-tack and coffee. In the afternoon we had our daily siesta. Supper came and after that drill for twenty minutes. Altogether we spent a very pleasant day thinking of our friends at home.

With best of Christmas wishes for my old classmates in M. I. T., '02, I am

Yours sincerely,
HENRY E. STILLINGS, ex-'02.

'69. William H. Baker, I., has gone into the insurance business at his home at Fitchburg, Mass.

'81. Webster Norris, III., has been recently appointed superintendent of the Mechanical Department of the Canadian Rubber Co., of Montreal.

'84. T. W. Robinson, III., has left Pueblo to become general superintendent of the Joliet Works of the Illinois Steel Co., located at Joliet, Ill.

'87. Henry F. Stoddard is now located with the Watson Machine Co., of Paterson, N. J., which is one of the most prominent firms making cordage machinery.

'90. George W. Fuller, V., has opened an office as consulting expert in water purification and sewage disposal at 220 Broadway, New York.

'99. Mr. Percy W. Witherell, VI., is with Warren F. Witherell, grocer, Boston, Mass.

'99. Mr. B. P. Hazeltine, VI., is working in the draughting-room of the National Tube Works, at McKeesport, Pa.
THE LOUNGER likes to see labor receive its just reward; he thoroughly enjoys finding public service fully appreciated, but his satisfaction is greatest when he discovers that a generous gift has met in return a thankful response by word or deed. When for example a professor has public-spiritedly presented his class with a pseudo-witty remark, THE LOUNGER is delighted to hear the students bestow their thankfulness by an acclamation, long and loud — loud enough, in fact, to be heard above the roar of the facetious joker, whose appreciation is sincerely felt and unservedly expressed. The professors, however, are not the only benefactors possessed by Tech., and THE LOUNGER wishes to bear testimony to the works of others — of others who have wrought and striven, worked and struggled almost in vain — THE LOUNGER refers of course to that crowning blessing of Technology, the Trophy Room. The Trophy Room was the supreme acquisition of the year that has passed. It far surpasses in value the gift of the new flagpole on top of the Walker Building. It deserves a higher commendation from an ethical standpoint than does the coat of paint that destroyed the time-honored pictures in Huntington Hall; and surely it was more appropriate than the gratings in front of the Rogers Building, for these certainly give that edifice an incongruous, gaol-like aspect, while they perform a function which might have been carried out just as efficaciously by barbed-wire. What overpowering exertion, and what indomitable will wrenched this valuable gift from the donators is not fully known to the public; to discover them ask the M. I. T. Athletic Association, ask the undergraduate committee No. I., ask the undergraduate committee No. II., ask the Editors of THE TECH, ask the Secretary, ask the President, ask the Corporation, in fact ask all the zealous workers who contributed in procuring the benefaction. To find out with what thankful appreciation the student body has received and used the precious donation, go to the Trophy Room and view the prizes presented for inspection. What will be found? — a room, two chairs, two desks, and two cases; in one of the cases will be noticed the flag which Tech. won in the Bowdoin Relay Race of February third, that is — nothing; in the other case will be seen three flags, the rest of the space — oh! inspiring sight — being filled with the pictures of the Tech. athletic teams of the glorious past. That is all the appreciation that a visitor to the Trophy Room can see. THE LOUNGER is dissatisfied; he is not an athlete to win cups to fill the cases or cases to fill the cups; he must do his part by word not, by deed — and hence he has spoken.

To THE LOUNGER ‘the strenuous life’ has, it must be confessed, possessed a charm not yet sufficient to lure him from the quiet paths of learning, which it is his modest ambition to pursue until such time when the optimistic vision of Tech. men rising up for the enforcement of the eight hour law at the Institute shall be realized. But the present turn to his musings is not due to the fact that forty-four Seniors, with the aid of certain machines in Engineering A., between the hours of one and six on Saturday last, worked off forty-four deficiencies in Fourth Year Applied, but rather to the state of affairs actually existent at the gymnasium.

Of late THE LOUNGER has noted that the atmosphere in his sanctum has lost its bluish tinge, and that despite the overflowing conviviality of the place, one by one old friends slipped away. It was puzzling and unaccountable, and at last, in his anxiety THE LOUNGER determined to shadow a departing friend. The task was not easy, but from Boylston, through Clarendon out Newbury to Fairfield and back to Boylston Street he kept his man in sight, until a skillfully executed $v^2 = 2px$ dropped him over an embankment and he disappeared among the cars in the B. & A. yard. Disappointed, THE LOUNGER turned back. As he neared the gym. old memories revived and his thoughts prompted him to look in. The sight that presented itself was astounding. There in plain sight were three new pieces of apparatus and any number of men subjecting themselves to tensions and torsions and deflections which, in the aggregate constituted class work in Physical Science. Truly, the gym. was not deserted, and here indeed were his missing friends, Editors of THE TECH, Seniors, Juniors, and a whole multitude besides. And when one stepped up and remarked that the gym. was pretty good fun even though it was deucedly bad form to be seen going there, THE LOUNGER realized the mystery was solved and hastened off lest he too be engulfed in the wave of athleticism that has arisen in spite of the attack of lint on the lungs that has temporarily prevented the use of the poor old gym. by the M. I. T. A. A. and F. B. A. for the opportunities it has offered for, as it is popularly called, “chewing the rag.”

Little Mabel (visiting New England for the first time): But, mamma, why do all the trees here wear garters? — L. E.
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Hollis Street Theatre. — Julia Marlowe will commence her second week in the same roll as she has been seen in this week. "Barbara Frietchie" is a fine play and reminds many of the time of the Civil War. It is a true picture of life in those days and portrays well the Southern character.

Tremont Theatre. — "The Greatest Thing in the World," will be the attraction here this week. Sarah Cowell Le Moyne, who is starring this winter, appears in this play, which is one of the latest pieces written by Harriet Ford and Beatrice DeMille. This play is considered a master-piece of its kind.

Boston Museum. — Again we are to be able to go and enjoy ourselves in laughing at "Sister Mary." May Irwin is here to commence a two weeks' engagement and all Boston theatre-goers are sure to embrace this opportunity to have a good laugh over good wholesome fun.

Castle Square Theatre. — The regular Stock Company seem to be having a great success in "The Firm of Girdlestone." This piece will continue to be the attraction for a week longer. This play gives the company an excellent opportunity to do their best, which they surely have accomplished.

Columbia Theatre. — The second week for "The Rounders" seems to indicate that this play is as great a success here as it was in New York. "The Rounders" is an adaptation of a French musical farce, and was adopted by Henry B. Smith, who has used the original lyrics besides having brought the story up to date.

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