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AN INVITATION.

In the future the exchanges will be on file in the General Library, where all students may have ready access to them, and the Board invites suggestions from all who find features therein not already embodied in THE TECH, but which they feel would be of interest to its readers. The Editor would be glad to receive such suggestions either by letter or verbally, and promises to give them careful consideration. It is the wish of the entire Board to secure the greatest co-operation of the student body, and thus to make THE TECH the paper by, as well as of, the students of M. I. T. Let all help toward this end.
The annual meeting and dinner of the Alumni Association was held Friday evening, Dec. 26, at the Brunswick Hotel. About 150 alumni were present, the Class of '92 having the largest representation.

The business meeting was called at 5.30. The reports of the various committees were read and accepted. The Walker Memorial Committee made a statement of the reasons why it was impossible to commence building until the permanent location of the Institute had been decided upon. During the evening circulars containing the names of the various persons who have contributed to the Walker Memorial Fund were distributed. The president of the association was authorized to appoint a special committee of five members to consider the erection of a suitable memorial for the late Professor Runkle, and the Executive Committee was authorized to appoint a committee to bring about a closer cooperation between the Technology Review and the Alumni Association, with the view of making the dues of the association also serve as a subscription to the Review. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Frederick H. Newell, '85; vice-president, Walter B. Snow, '82; secretary, Arthur G. Robbins, '86; executive committee, Azel Ames, '95, and William B. Thurber, '89; Alumni Committee on the School: Leonard Metcalf, '92; trustee of the Alumni Fund, James P. Munroe, '82; members of Committee on Associate Membership, George V. Wendell, '92, and Charles M. Spofford, '93; member of the Advisory Council on Athletics, John L. Batchelder, Jr., '90.

Dinner was served at seven, and the association had for its guests and speakers Pres. Henry S. Pritchett of M. I. T., Pres. Alexander C. Humphreys of the Stevens Institute and Dean Nathaniel S. Shaler of the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University. The retiring president, A. Lawrence Rotch, presided, and opened the after-dinner speaking, paying tribute to the qualifications of his successor, President Newell, who created the hydrographical division of the United States Geological Survey.

Dr. Pritchett was greeted most cordially when he rose to speak. He told of the pleasure which he felt in welcoming the heads of other engineering institutions to this gathering, and in particular the new president of the Stevens Institute, Dr. Humphreys, and also Professor Shaler. He recalled briefly the changes of the year, referring to the reorganization of the administrative work; to the separation of the department of electrical engineering from that of physics; of the building of the Lowell electrical laboratories, and the appointment of Dr. Duncan as head of that department; he spoke of the establishment of the Graduate School of Engineering Research, to be inaugurated next year, in which the work led to the degree of Doctor of Engineering. President Pritchett referred in terms of great affection to the death of Professor Runkle, and spoke of the resignation of Professor Niles from the head of the department of geology, and his election as professor emeritus, and of the resignation of Alexander S. Wheeler from the executive committee.

President Pritchett alluded to the industrial competition of Germany and the United States as shown even in their technical schools, and quoted from the address of the rector of the great technical school at Charlottenberg the following: "The German has to fear in the industrial world, not the English, not the French, only the American. To compete with the American we must strive to constantly improve our scientific schools so as to turn out engineers of the highest grade."

The speaker called attention to the fact that the registration in the Institute has grown from 1,187 to 1,606 in three years. There seems no reason to doubt the continuance of
at least a reasonable growth, and the Institute has only a few thousand feet of land left upon which to extend. The time has come, he said, to decide whether the Institute's growth is to be fitted to its present limited quarters, or whether it should be removed to some site still in close touch with the industrial life of the city, where it would have room for a natural growth under favorable conditions. To make such removal would require the sale of the present site, to do which authority must be obtained from the General Court. Dr. Pritchett viewed the project from both sides, stating the objections to this plan and the argument in favor of it, and announced his own belief that the time for such removal has come, not only for the purpose of securing needed room for laboratories and lecture rooms, and to avoid the social and economic waste of the present arrangement, but also for the sake of the simpler and more wholesome student life which the Institute could offer in a new site. "Nowhere," said he, "in this or any other country is there offered a finer opportunity to persons of means to affect in a direct way lines of influence which extend over the whole world, than is offered in the Institute of Technology." He hoped that the Institute would find a ready response in the effort to meet the problems before it.

Dean Shaler spoke of the possible unity between the Lawrence Scientific School and Technology, and the good to be derived, and said he looked forward to his coming course of lectures at "Tech" with much pleasure. "It is a question," he continued, "as to what is going to be the future of this part of the United States. I believe there is not the economic future before us here that there has been in the past. In the future the center of industrial power is to be elsewhere than in New England. I believe, however, that New England is to be the great educational center of at least this part of the world."

President Humphreys said in part: "Stevens Institute is probably as far removed from the university as it is possible to be. We have one course only, and the elective element is excluded except for the choice permitted between French and Spanish in connection with the fixed requirement of German. In spite of this I venture to believe that at Stevens we do not need the university atmosphere, and beautiful and alluring as that atmosphere is, many of our students are better without it. I have yet to discover that the love of learning as compared with the desire for professional success is confined to the university student; though I do believe there are many who are led to study by the purpose to achieve professional success, and later learn to love study for itself. The great improvement in technical education, both in quality and quantity, during the last thirty years in the United States, based upon a growing appreciation of the necessity for the complete harmonizing of theory and practice, is one of the chief reasons for the enviable position now held by this country in the world of industry and commerce; that Germany has largely profited through the same means; and that Great Britain has suffered from its inability to more promptly realize its deficiencies in this connection and still more from its inability to most efficiently utilize the services of its technically educated engineers because of the traditions of caste which relegated to a lower social scale the man who employs labor and so engages in trade."

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Albert M. Knight, former Bursar of the Institute. He had not been well for some time, ill health having caused him, last summer, to resign the office which he had so ably filled for thirteen years. He died at his home in Waltham Sunday, Dec. 28. The funeral took place in the chapel at Mount Auburn Cemetery at 2 P.M. Wednesday, Dec. 31.
Walker Memorial Fund.

The following summary of the subscriptions from the various classes to the Walker Memorial Fund is taken from the report of the Walker Memorial Committee to the Alumni Association:

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Certain large subscriptions by persons not connected with the Institute are not included in this list.

Subscriptions paid (to Dec. 1, 1902), $65,226.92.

Calendar.

Thursday, January 1.

4 P.M. Architectural Society meeting. Room 42. Pierce Building. Subject: "Landscape Architecture as a Profession."

Saturday, January 3.

3 P.M. Hockey team plays Dorchester A. A.

Monday, January 5.

9 A.M. General geology lecture by Dean Schaler of Lawrence Scientific School in Huntington Hall. All welcome.

8 P.M. Mining Engineering Society "Smoker" at Tech Union. Professor Hofman will speak on "Copper Smelting in Montana."

Tuesday, January 6.

4:10 P.M. Y. M. C. A. meeting, 11 Pierce Building.

4:30 P.M. Indoor athletic contest. Potato race and three standing broad jump.

8 P.M. Technology club smoke-talk by Dr. Benjamin Sharp on "A Summer in Alaska and Siberia." Stereopticon views.

8 P.M. architectural society "Smoker" at Tech Union. Subject: "Spanish Architecture."

Wednesday, January 7.

2 P.M. General geology lecture by Dean Schaler of Lawrence Scientific School in Huntington Hall. All welcome.

8 P.M. Musical clubs' concert in Huntington Hall. Tickets, fifty cents.

Thursday, January 8.

8 P.M. Chemical society "Smoker" at Tech Union. Addresses by Dr. Moore and Dr. Walker.

8 P.M. Boston Physical education society will hold a meeting at 11 Engineering B. Students will be welcome.

8 P.M. Society of Arts. Mr. O. H.Tittemann, Chief of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, will speak on the "Coast Survey and Its Work." Room 22, Walker Building. All interested are invited.

Friday, January 9.

4 P.M. Tech Fencing Association competition will be held at go St. Botolph street. The team and substitutes will be chosen from the winners.

8 P.M. Civil Engineering society "Smoker" at Tech Union.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. H. S. Morse has resigned from the Editorial and Mr. P. H. Smith from the Business Staff. Mr. Waldso Turner was elected Business Manager.

The Junior Class picture is to be taken again to-day, Thursday, at one o'clock, on the Natural History steps.

H. M. Leh was elected captain of the Fencing Association, not "temporary captain," as stated in the last issue.

The Tech Board wish to thank the Puritan Press for their successful efforts in bringing the Christmas issue out on time, in spite of the fire which closed their pressroom, and of the strike of the engravers.

The regular training for the Track Team and Indoor Track Meet began last Tuesday under the direction of Coach Mahan. Arrangements have been made whereby exclusive use of the gym. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4 to 6 P.M. will be given to men training for these teams.

The first trials for the Varsity Relay Team to run against Brown will be held Saturday, Jan. 10.

The Indoor Track Meet will take place at the gym. on Friday, Jan. 16; there is a great deal of competition in the various events, and the prospects for an enthusiastic meet are excellent.

The Walker Club held a dinner at the Tech Union, Friday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. Mr. D. K. Kellar presided. Following the dinner Professor Bates read a story called "A Restoration Christmas." After a very pleasant evening the meeting adjourned.

Sub-Institute Committee of the Class of 1906 has been appointed as follows:


The annual winter concert of the Technology Musical Clubs will be held in Huntington Hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m. All of the clubs this year are doing better work than for several seasons past, and have been highly spoken of wherever they have appeared.

This is Technology's only midwinter social function, and all indications point to a large attendance and successful concert.

The tickets (50 cents) will be placed on sale Friday. All seats reserved.

The second Freshman reception took place Friday evening, Dec. 19, at the Technology Club. There were about two hundred men present, making a total of about four hundred men who have attended both receptions. Refreshments were served, and the men had a good time. Professor Richards told how he had discovered a vein of ore by "Descriptive Geometry." This seems to be an informal introduction of the fact that Course III. men may hereafter have to take the subject.

The largest student gathering ever held in Huntington Hall was on Friday, Dec. 19, when Major H. L. Higginson addressed the Faculty and students. Before introducing Major Higginson, Dr. Pritchett spoke of the purpose of the Tech Union, and then invited all students who did not go home, to spend Christmas eve at the Union, where he and Mrs. Pritchett would be pleased to welcome them. There is no need of giving an account of Major Higginson's interesting address, as practically the whole student body was present.
The next regular meeting of the Architectural Society will be held in Room 42, Pierce Building, on Thursday, Jan. 1, at 4 P.M. W. P. R. Pember, IV., '02, will speak on "Landscape Architecture as a Profession." The society will also hold a "smoke-talk" at the Tech Union on Tuesday next, Jan. 6, at 8 P.M., when Mr. Walter H. Kilham will speak upon "Spanish Architecture," illustrating his subject with stereopticon slides.

Tuesday evening about twenty-five members of the Naval Architectural Society met at the "Tech Union" for an informal supper and "smoker." A paper on "The Technical Education of Shipbuilders," written by Dr. Pritchett for the November meeting of the American Society of Naval Architects, was read by P. G. L. Hilken, and was followed by a talk on "Yard Experience," by C. J. Emerson.


After the technical part of the meeting, frankfurters and potato salad, good German rye-bread and cheese and beer and cider were served. The remainder of the evening was spent by singing songs and in telling stories.

The next "smoker" will be held early in the next term.

On the evening of the last Thursday before the Christmas holidays, the Mechanical Engineering Society conducted a "smoker" at the Tech Union. After a discussion of the business of the society, Mr. Coburn gave a comprehensive talk on "Piping." His words were interesting and eminently practical, and deserved the close attention which they received. Refreshments and singing then came in for their share toward entertainment, and the time passed quickly until eleven o'clock, when the meeting broke up.

On Christmas eve Dr. and Mrs. Pritchett held a reception at the Union for those who were unable to be at home for the holidays. A very pleasant evening was spent by all. The hall was neatly decorated with evergreens, and refreshments were served. Mr. Fred E. Kendall of the Apollo Quartet sang several selections, and the singing by the whole company of a few Christmas carols made a fitting close for a Christmas eve which those present will not soon forget, especially as each man received some little souvenir of the occasion before leaving.

Besides Dr. and Mrs. Pritchett and about one hundred and twenty-five students, there were present Mrs. William Barton Rogers, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Mixter, Dr. Francis H. Williams, Professor and Mrs. Sedgwick, and others.

Professor Hofman will address the Mining Engineering Society on "Copper Smelting in Montana," Monday evening, Jan. 5, 1903. All Course III. men and others interested are invited to attend. Lunch will be served for 35 cents. Professor Hofman is an expert on smelting, having worked for several years in a smelter, and has visited smelters every summer.

The following days have been appointed for the Seniors in the various courses to have their photographs taken. Seniors should make appointments with Hearn for the dates assigned to their courses. Hearn's address is 304 Boylston street.

Course I., Jan. 3, 5, 6, 7.
Course II., Jan. 10, 12, 13, 14, 15.
Course III., Jan. 3, 9, 15, 16.
Course IV., Jan. 17 to 26.
Course V., Jan. 6, 14.
Course VI., Jan. 7, 8, 13.
Course VII, VIII., XI, XII., Jan. 6, 9, 14, 16.
Course IX., Jan. 6, 9, 13, 16.
Course X., Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13.
Course XIII., Jan. 5, 7, 12, 14.

There has been a new distribution of hours at the gym. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays have been reserved for the regular class work, and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4 to 6 P.M. are devoted to athletic training. Also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9 P.M. the gym will be kept open for basket-ball, and the water kept hot for bathing.
Few plays made from novels do as much justice to the novel as does The Only Way to Dickens' Tale of Two Cities. There are some characters — such as Mr. Lorry — who find no reason for being in the play except that their names were familiar in the book; but Dickens' story is dramatic enough — not to say sensational — to lend itself easily to dramatization, and the playwright has kept close to his text, preserving, often, even the very words of the book. How far the inconceivable scenes of the French Revolution may be made real on the stage, is perhaps doubtful; but, for the temporary illusion of a play, the scenes as given by Mr. Harvey's company are amazingly satisfactory. Probably they would seem still better done if their essential artificiality and sensational melodramatic quality were not made prominent by Mr. Harvey's simple, powerful and very real presentation of the character of Sidney Carton. Frequently through the piece his acting convinced one of the absolute human truth of the part, and then some bit of staginess would spoil most of the effect. Nothing can be more annoying than the frequent use of short strains from the orchestra to heighten the emotional effect,—as if playwright and actor must in humiliation admit themselves unable by legitimate means to produce the desired effect, and consequently dependent on the fiddles to bring the required tears. The finest moments in the play, for example, are those of Carton's conversation with Mr. Lorry before the fire, just as he has determined to sacrifice his life for Lucy Manette. It is a tremendous revelation of human emotion,—the triumph of the play,—and followed, unhappily, by a bit of melodramatic business with Mimi and a spectacular farewell to the sleeping heroine. Fortunately the spectacular scenes — with the exception of the final tableau — were few. Carton has no lachrymose adieux with Lucy or Manette or Darnay; he has no distinguishing elegances of manner or costume; indeed, as in the book,—he is kept, with the most delicate skill, a somewhat secondary character, until, at the close, we learn the extent of his devotion and his sacrifice, when we see him transfigured by his simple courage in prison and on the scaffold.

Theatre-goer.

Attention is called to the accounts of the Alumni Association Meeting and Dinner, and of the subscriptions to the Walker Memorial Fund.

'84. A. Lawrence Rotch, II., founder and director of Blue Hill Observatory, has had conferred upon him by the German Emperor the Royal Order of the Crown of Prussia, third class, in recognition of his participation in the international work of exploring the atmosphere.

'02. Clarence M. Allen, II., is Professor of Physics and Mechanical Engineering at St. Francis Xavier College.

'02. Henry M. Allison Ames, II., is in the engineering department of the American Machine Company, Pawtucket, R. I.

'02. W. M. Bassett, I., is a draughtsman for the Empire Bridge Company, Elmira, N. Y.

'02. E. M. W. Best, V., is a chemist in the research laboratories of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

'02. Arthur R. G. Booth, V., is assistant chemist for the Massachusetts State Board of Health.

'02. F. Bradley, II., is with the Midvale Steel Company, Germantown, Pa.

'02. Charles H. Burr, III., is with the Standard Steel Works, Burnham, Pa.

'02. John R. Marvin, II., is with the B. F. Sturtevant Company, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

A FRESHMAN.—“Haven't you any M. I. T. calendars with '1906' on them?”
Now that the Christmas holidays have joined the host of the departed, The Lounger's animadversions must leave the "quire invisible" for a more substantial embodiment. He must give to airy nothing a local habitation and a name. His first impulse is to cordially extend to each and all of the unfortunate perusers of this column the most sincere expressions of good-will, and hearty wishes for a felicitous passage through the New Year. The Lounger trusts that Christmas Day was fraught with many pleasures, and that no stocking was found empty. The Lounger's own sock contained no less a protuberance than Webster's Dictionary. Who sent it, fortunately for them, The Lounger does not know. Vengeance is not his. The dictionary says about "Vengeance" Definition. A mean desire to pay back. Illustration. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," saith the Lord.

Many things have occurred during the vacation, but most of us have survived the severe ordeals of a week's repose, and return to our labors with a lively, preoccupied stare and an appreciative yawn. We find Mr. Humphreys, Descrip., and the Walker Building much as they were before, and yet we hear a rumor that all these things are soon to undergo a migration. We were not fortunate enough to own the price of a ton of coal, and so could not attend the alumni dinner to hear our president speak.

Dr. Pritchett certainly has wheels, but whereas in an ordinary individual this gift might prove of indifferent value, so resourceful an executive is Dr. Pritchett as actually to turn these wheels to no less excellent account than to move the Institute with them. Herculean labor! Let us all unite toward its accomplishment, by patiently waiting; for every-thing, even Jamaica Plain, comes to them that wait. They also serve who only stand and wait, as they say in the lunch-room. Why "stand and wait" only, why not "lie and wait." What luxury it would be thus to serve, during the semi-waking matutinal hours. Many a time has The Lounger, oblivious of breakfast, continued to lie and wait, for, as the Scripture says: "Many are called, but few get up." Doing nothing has such a soothing effect in these times of rush and struggle, when everyone is doing two hours work in an hour, and even the rich and idle, floating in opulence, are victims of that dread disease, "Nervous Prosperity." Even so vacuous a task as doing nothing waxes irksome when one—id est, The Lounger—is obliged to do a whole column of nothing and to make it seem inspired, saturating the paragraphs with meaning and fusing the whole into a unified mess. The Lounger has fused and fuzzed, but the essay thus assayed has refused. In the next issue of the immortal pamphlet which dignifies this Institution of "Take-knowledge-ye," The Lounger will compose his effusion according to a new plan which was suggested to him at Christmas by the management of the Ladies' Home Journal, through its Boston agent, G. V. Wendell; namely, to wit: He will append at the end of the article a brief epitome of the whole and then omit the remainder, in order, by this subterfuge, to secure a higher voltage in his literary vacuum-discharges.

In behalf of himself The Lounger extends to professors and instructors the best XXX wishes for a Happy New Year. As a matter of fact, of all the classes which The Lounger attended the week before Christmas, only one of the gentlemen in charge wished his "prodigees" (as a Course IX. fellow would say) a Merry Christmas. Therefore, in lavishing upon them all the good wishes and affection which naturally spring from a warm and loving heart, The Lounger is doing the now expensive stunt of heaping coals of fire on their heads.

"Vive le Faculty! as the French would say. Prosit das Faculty! as the Germans would say. God save the Faculty! as the English would say. God save the Faculty! as The Lounger would say, but with a different intonation.

The Lounger now offers the following assortment of New Year's resolutions to needy ones. Whomsoever the cap fits, etc.

1. I firmly resolve not to get out another new edition of Letter Plates for five months.
2. I firmly resolve to be as finicky as possible in my English lectures, and to allow the tender tendrils of my nerves to cling to the smooth, glossy surface of my artistic temperament, so that every foot-fall from a semi-thinking biped will send a nerve-telegram to my inner consciousness and spread upon my dreamy edition of Letter Plates for five months.
3. I firmly resolve that the bridge problem is the most useful problem for a student to get and forget.
4. I firmly resolve to make the sentences in my Physics lectures so long and involved, to show my familiarity with the German language, that it will take ten grappling hooks to take up the sag.
5. I firmly resolve to make myself a new hat.