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JUNIOR PROM PROVES MONSTROUS SUCCESS

Large Crowd Present at Hotel Somerset. Late Dinner served.

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Splendid affair goes off very smoothly. Orchestra furnishes music.

On Friday night, the Junior Prom took place at the Hotel Somerset on Commonwealth Avenue. This event, ever the last big affair of Junior Week succeeded beyond the hopes of the Committee in charge of the arrangements. At eight o'clock, the crowd began to arrive. Taxicabs lined the street for over two and a half hours.

The beautiful ball room of the Hotel was a picture of youth and laughter. The balcony was draped with the Tech colors. The color of the ladies' costumes stood out charmingly from the black of the conventional dress suit. The delightful music of the orchestra jibed well with the pretty scene. A dinner was served at twelve o'clock.

The matrons beamed upon the jolly throng from one end of the hall. They were Mrs. R. C. Maclaurin, Mrs. E. N. Foss, Mrs. George Wigglesworth, and Mrs. W. Murray Crane.

The patronesses were Mrs. A. E. Burton, Mrs. A. L. Merrill, Mrs. F. H. Rand, Mrs. D. C. Jackson, Mrs. H. P. Talbot, Mrs. Gaetano Lanza, Mrs. D. Despradelle, Mrs. D. R. Dewey, and Mrs. C. M. Spofford.

The members of the Prom Committee were Messrs. Montgomery, Babcock, Fox, Kemp, Shepard, Jr., and Wallis.

Prominent among the young ladies present were Miss Palmenter of Oakland, Cal.; Miss Doyle of Boston; Miss Hutchins of Brookline; Miss Allen of Arlington; Miss Foley of Palmer; Miss Todd of Palmer; Miss Shackleton of Springfield; Miss Mendell of Mattapoisett; Miss Faxon of West Newton; Miss and Mrs. Woolson of Springfield, Vermont; Miss Coseo of Wellesley; Miss Winslow of Brockton; Miss Frisbie; Miss Carr of New York; Miss Edson of Lynn; Miss Stanley of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Miss Wood of Somerville; Miss Partridge of Boston; Miss Wilde of Fall River; Miss Fisher of Boston; Miss Bates of Cohasset; Miss Clark of Newton; Miss Tyacke of Wellington; Miss Edgett of Malden; Miss McDowell of New Rochelle; Miss Bellows of Boston; Miss Speakman of Mammoth, Ill.; Miss Denton of Denver; Miss Walker of Wichita, Kan.; Miss Reid of Wheeling Ridge; Miss Stevens of Lexington; Miss Sidelinger of Quincy; Miss Sackett of Providence; Miss Hill of Arlington; Miss Hunter of Fulton; Miss Hinman of Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Card of Jamaica Plain; Miss Schwarz of Brookline; Miss E. M. Orchard of Rosindale; Miss Morgan of Newton; Miss Ayer of Cambridge; Miss Harris of Swampscott; Miss Miller of Montrose, Penn.; Miss Block of Wheeling, W. Va.; Miss Webster of Springfield; Miss Truitte of Brookline; Miss Legg of Dorchester; Miss Sickles of Buffalo; Miss Kilby of Boston; Miss Snow of Wellesley; Miss Ebersole of Wellesley; Miss Woodworth of Weston, Mass.; Miss Lavigne of Springfield; Miss Russell of Cambridge; Miss Jordan of Brookline; Miss Fletcher of New York; Miss Noble of Boston; Miss Parker of Boston; Miss Lovell of Weymouth; Miss Morgan of Haverhill; Miss Stevens of Lynn; Miss Cation of Honolulu; Miss Walker of Cleveland; Miss Robbins of Springfield; Miss Colby of Hartford; Miss Whitney of Lexington; Miss J. Woodward of Brookline; Miss N. Woodward of Brookline; Miss Sherman of Mt. Vernon

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THE TECH SHOW REVIEW

By Sidney Gunn.

The task of reviewing an amateur production is an unattractive one, for the reviewer foresees only the melancholy duty of sitting through an inevitably crude and probably silly performance and afterward praising it insincerely or blaming it guardedly, according to the extent to which he believes it to be expedient to give expression to his true convictions. I the production is to be a musical comedy, the prospects are even more discouraging; or musical comedies are peculiarly likely to become inane, and the matter they treat is of a sort that is almost sure to tempt strongly to exhibitions of bad taste and even vulgarity. This review was promised with some such forebodings as the above, but all of them were groundless; the show proved remarkably good, and only the most exacting and unreasonable critic could find anything to blam in it.

The late Dean Shaler used to insist that strenuous scientific pursuits are not inconsistent with poetical productivity and he wrote several poetical pieces to prove his theory. Whatever may be the warrant for the good Dean's belief, "Frenzied French" seems to indicate that strenuous application to scientific study is no barrier to some sorts of literary production. To one who to be sure, is no expert in musical comedy, the plot seemed fairly original and more than usually consistent and reasonable; certainly its humorous possibilities are realized exceptionally well. The way in which the first act comes to a climax seemed especially effective, but the action throughout is surprisingly uniform, and the songs and specialties are not only well interspersed, but they arise with more naturalness and are accompanied by less fantastic extravagance than is usual in professional performances of a similar character. It is no easy task to devise a successful farce, however easy it may be to criticise it when it is devised; and when it is remembered that "Frenzied French" is the production of men who have only a little time to devote to such things—men whose energies are taxed to an admittedly high degree by work of unquestioned severity, the way in which it succeeds in being amusing and avoids being silly or cheap is all the more remarkable.

The acting was so uniformly good that it would be invidious to single out any one for special approbation. Everybody on the stage was easy and yet restrained to a fit degree, something very unusual in such a performance. Mr. Hodgman made an acceptable hero; Mr. de Florez showed remarkable versatility as a mimic of linguistic peculiarities, and exhibited considerable acrobatic skill; Mr. Hastings sang well; Mr. Faunce made the most of his part, and gave a very clever imitation of Harry Lauder; Mr. Smyth, Mr. Fernstrom, and Mr. Brown were funny without being extravagant; and all the other principals maintained an equally high standard, while Mr. Cairns made a very attractive Cupid.

As far as a taste wholly subjective in character could determine, the music was very good. The lyrics occasionally an apparent indifference to correct scansion,—something very likely to be developed where verses are to be sung,—but they were otherwise effective, and in some cases quite happy. The spoken lines were well contrived, and kept the

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Ticket sales	\$211.75
Contributions from faculty	3.00
Advertisements in program	8.50
Total	\$223.25
Expenses	66.44
Profit	\$156.81

THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN SENT TO THE EDITOR WITH A SUBSCRIPTION; AND SO WE PRINT IT (TO NAIL THE SUBSCRIPTION)

Song to the Midnight Oil.

By Jeems Mitcomb Smiley-Not.

Come midnight oil and burn for me,
Light up those weary nights
Of Trig and Math, Geology
And all the other rites.
For some bright day, not far away,
I'll need them all together;
If they're not there, it's double F,
And that means cloudy weather.
Therefore I pray thee, midnight oil,
Please don't go out at one,
But burn till two—three—four o'clock,
Till all the rites are done.

plot visible and the action logical to an extent unusual in musical comedy.

The show on the whole was very successful, and has set a standard that it is to be hoped succeeding years will not fall below. It is gratifying to think that strenuous young men can give an excellent exhibition of the value of the advice in Mr. Fernstrom's song, "Be moderate." It would be a rather morbidly sensitive taste that could discover anything offensive in it; it has little that could be regarded as objectionable personal allusion; and it is wholly free from coarse language and unusual free from unnecessary slang. The most gratifying thing about it, however, is the fact that it is possible to review here, not only the Show, but the scholarship of eighteen men who were connected in various ways with its production, and to say that in every case their work is above the average, and their earnestness and conscientiousness remarkable in a place where such qualities are the rule rather than the exception.

Sidney Gunn.

C. E. SOCIETY PLANS FOR BANQUET

Limit for nominations has been extended to April 25

MORE NOMINATIONS WANTED

Present Year one of the Most Successful of the Society

Nominations for offices for the Civil Engineering Society must be in by Tuesday April 25. It has been found necessary to extend the time limit originally set, owing to the small number of nominations which were handed in.

According to the new constitution, the President, Vice-President, Executive Committee of three members, and two members of the Program Committee shall be elected from the junior class. The Secretary, Treasurer, and two members of the Program Committee shall be elected from the sophomore class. In order to have an interesting election as many nominations as possible should be handed in. All nomination papers should be signed by at least ten members and should be handed to the Secretary, O. D. Powell or left for him in Box 14 at the Cage.

Tickets are now out for the annual banquet to be held at the Copley Square Hotel on Friday, May 5. An excellent menu has been selected and a fine list of speakers has been secured and the affair promises to be an appropriate ending one of the most successful years in the Society's existence. Tickets may be secured from Hausman, Powell, McGrath, Stewart, Bryant or Hathaway for only one dollar. This is to be a two dollar and one half dinner, the Society taking care of the difference.

The Harvard "Crimson" makes the appeal that the university should make more of an effort to attract high school students as opposed to those from preparatory schools. The "Crimson" is authority for the statement that more than half the public high schools of Massachusetts have not sent to Harvard a single man in ten years.

The Cosmopolitan Club of Chicago devoted one of its evenings to a discussion of courting. An effort was made to have the members from each foreign nation describe the methods of love making used in their own country.

Ohio State University has purchased a twenty-ton \$7,000 locomotive crane for handling coal at the boiler room.

Baseball may be dropped at John's Hopkins because of the financial condition of their athletic association.

CALENDAR

Send all notices for calendar to E. W. Taft 1913 Institute Committee at the Cage.

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The *Tech* wishes to congratulate the management of *Tech* Show 1911 on the excellent production which they placed before the public on Thursday and Friday afternoons of last week. There is absolutely no doubt that "Frenzied French" is the best Show ever and has set a new standard for performances of the future. May your financial success be as great as your dramatic and furthermore all ye who have not witnessed a performance, get out your Sunday go-to-meeting's and hike to Malden on Wednesday evening. *Last Chance!*

To the Editor of *The Tech* :

Will you allow me a few inches of space in your valuable paper in which to voice my sentiments as to the manner in which the annual Technique Rush was carried out this year? With the field in better condition and the spectators' benches more favorable for seeing all parts of the Rush than ever before, the Technique Board made no effort whatever to handle the crowd and thus afford those who came from a distance, a chance to see the Technique Rush without more difficulty than was necessary. No doubt a majority of the members of 1912 would have been glad to have helped to keep the onlookers at a reasonable distance so as to give everyone an equal chance.

*And another thing, in reading over the list of the winners of the first twenty book books, I notice that two names appear a second time. I ask the Technique Board in all fairness to everyone concerned, if they do not think that they should be a rule of "one numbered Book to a man" if there is no such rule already? Furthermore, I think that the men themselves should have been satisfied with their first successful try. As far as I can find, this matter has no precedent to back it up. Hoping that the Board will take advantage of this small but nevertheless important matter, and thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain
A Non-Rush Member of
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More than 600 students are enrolled in the compulsory spelling courses for delinquents in this branch of English.

BIG ANNUAL DINNER OF CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Nominations for next Year's Officers due. — Most Important affair of the Year.

On May 11, 1911, the Chemical Society will hold its big annual dinner. Many prominent speakers will participate and a large attendance is expected. This affair will be the biggest of its kind run by this society during the school year and a glorious time is expected.

No meetings will be held before this affair, and the dinner will be the last Chemical Society event of the year.

S. M. White, Secretary, states that nomination papers for next year's officers are now due, and will be received at the Cage until May 6. Nomination papers for each candidate must be signed by five members of the Society. The following officers are to be elected, —

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one member of the executive committee.

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Miss Gottschalk of New Orleans; Miss Alvo of Cloversville, N. Y.; Miss Little of Boston; Miss Macomber of Boston; Miss Watters of Boston; Miss Carter of Carter of Newtonville; Miss Paine of Cambridge; Mrs. H. K. Nye; Miss Waterman of Roxbury; Miss McCartney of Wellesley; Miss Radley of Wellesley; Miss Taggart of St. Louis, the Misses E. and M. Reynolds of Canton, Miss Mahan Miss Wilson, of Lawrence; Miss Pugen of Springfield; Miss Edward of Pottsville, Penn., Miss L. A. Wise of Shreveport, La., Miss Neumuller of Boston; Miss Locke of W. Medford; Miss Cairns of Roxbury; Miss Sinnott of Marshfield, Miss Robinson of East Boston; Miss C. E. Sedwick; Miss Sealey of Rosemary Hall; Miss O'Brien of Cambridge; Miss Vinal of New Bedford; Miss Grant of Brookline; Miss De Witt of Brattleboro; Miss Gould of Bridgeport, Conn., Miss Gould, Miss Land of Portland Ohio; Miss Stuart of Worcester; Miss Whitwell of Washington, D. C., Miss Hughes of Boston; Miss Covey of Malden; Miss Schnell of Cambridge, Miss Peabody of Wolfboro, N. H. Miss Sayegusa of Japan; Miss Donnel New York; Miss Kilduff of Roxbury; Miss Seavers of Wellesley; Miss Tyle of Gloucester; Miss Gleason of Van Evart, O. Miss Draper of Canton; Miss Sykes of Rockville, Conn., Miss G. E. Morgan of Haverhill; Miss Clark of Wellesley; Miss Knickerbocker and Miss Gabriel of New York.

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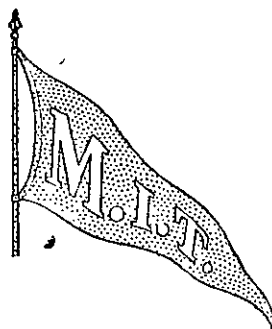
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from 2.30 P. M.

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in the Japanese Study.

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Thursday—Orchestra—O—1—3.
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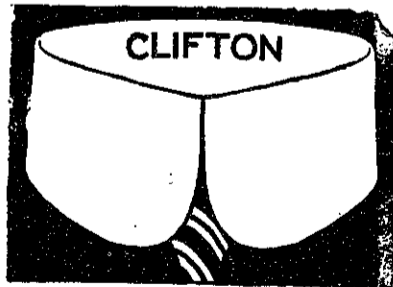
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