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INTERESTING TALK BY REV. A. A. STOCKDALE

First Series of Thursday Talks
Well Attended By
Student Body.

Rev. Allan A. Stockdale of the Union Congregational Church held the intense interest of a large crowd of fellows in the Union during his half hour talk yesterday noon, on "The Road to Cynicism." The meeting was opened promptly at 1.30 with "America," and Secretary Talbot of the Technology Christian Association, after a few remarks emphasizing the desire of the Association that the meeting be entirely informal, introduced the speaker.

Dr. Stockdale began by describing how cynicism poisons a man's disposition, makes him miserable and also makes all miserable with whom he comes in contact; how his cynical attitude is betrayed by and exemplified in every word and act. He then briefly referred to the founding of the old school of Cynics among the ancient Greeks, and the first principle upon which it was founded, that virtue was the only thing worth while. But then men could not recognize true virtue, and through their obstinate wranglings forgot their guiding principle. In the same way the speaker went on to show true religion has been mistaken for many years through the obstinacy of men hanging by their own opinions and points of view, but today men are looking to the heart and mind of mankind, and not to the shells of old beliefs. Every man must be dogmatic to give force and stability to his opinions, but he need never be "bulldogmatic."

The whole point is that the cynic does not believe in himself. A man will respect in others only what he respects in himself, and the characteristics of the cynic is to always condemn everything and question the sincerity of everyone. In order to have a hypocrite there must be the genuine as a standard of measurement; for this reason the cynic can never make a fair and just criticism.

Dr. Stockdale concluded by showing that the man who does not look ahead does not see his glorious opportunity in the world, is surely on the road to cynicism. The world is a gigantic laboratory where men are daily experimenting, making new discoveries and progressing. The cynic who has no hopeful outlook can never succeed in such a world. Finally the man who appreciates the dangers of cynicism will not fail to see the importance of cultivating the spiritual side of his nature and the great resulting reward in happiness and true living.

SOPH SQUAD PICKED FOR WORCESTER GAME

The Sophomores are to play in Worcester on Saturday against the strong Worcester Academy team. A fast game is expected, and every man on the Sophomore squad should make it a point to go on the trip, as they will get a chance to show what they are worth and a good tryout for the team that will go against the Freshmen on Field Day.

Manager Morrison last night after practice gave out the following list of men on the squad to be taken on the trip: Backs, Mackenepe, Merrill, Van Etten, Fox, Bryant and Mitchell; ends, Morrison, Henderson and Storke; tackles, Burnham, Brown, Cleverly and Crowell; guards, Marshall, Shurtleff, Ruoff and Moore; Centers, Hardy and Benjamin.

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HARE AND HOUNDS AT WAKEFIELD SATURDAY

A Great Opportunity Offered to
Men Desiring Outdoor
Exercise.

The second Hare and Hound run of the Fall season will be held at Wakefield this week Saturday. At the present time the trail is exceptionally good and a large number of men should avail themselves of this opportunity to get into trim for the Spring.

A general idea of the purpose and character of these runs may prove of benefit to those who are interested in all outdoor sports, but have never been on any of the teams. It appeals not only to candidates for the Cross-Country team, but to all who seek outdoor exercise.

Nearly every Saturday during the Spring and Fall a squad of men go out in the suburbs. A few men are chosen who are acquainted with the country to run as Hares and lay a trail of paper for the Hounds to follow. This trail leads into all sorts of snares, swamps, corn fields, fences, etc., and gives the city man a welcome relief from his continual grind.

After laying a trail over half the course the Hares return another route, and when within half a mile of the goal cease dropping paper and sprint for the finish.

The race comes as a great test for wind power and endurance and is good training for any man, whether on the football, track, or tug-of-war teams.

Last Saturday there were not nearly enough men and it is hoped that this Saturday more men will avail themselves of the opportunity to come out and run. If the number were larger everyone would have a much better time and would derive more individual benefit from the runs.

The train leaves the North Station at 3.14 P. M. Saturday, probably on Track 8, and it is hoped that a large number will be on hand.

1914 FOOTBALL.

The prospects for a strong Sophomore football team at the present time look very bright. In spite of the fact that they have lost the services of P. B. Owen, the strong Andover tackle who captained the team last year, nevertheless much good material is left, and many new men have come out who have great possibilities.

The new men who have shown up at practice are Kelly, Brotherton, Hardy, Brown, Stewart and Crowell. They have all played on preparatory or high school teams and know the game from A to Z. These, together with Van Etten, Bryant, Fox, Mitchell, Morrison, Henderson, Burnham, Benjamin and Sauer, ought to bury the Freshies on Field Day.

Furthermore, an ex-Harvard player, Blake, has been secured as coach. Mr. Blake has heretofore been very successful in bringing out winning teams.

Preliminary games have been arranged with Somerville High School, Cambridge, Latin and Tufts' Second teams. All these games should result in victories for 1914. The team needs more men and all good classmen should be out and show that they know the meaning of class spirit.

They say that Doc MacLaurin picked out a new site over in Ireland.

The House Committee of the Union should get wise and hang that new seal of the Institute where some light could get at it and the fellows could see it; 1911 should not be kept in the dark that way.

PROFESSOR SHIMER BACK FROM EUROPE

Large Collection of Specimens
Will Be Turned Over to
the Institute.

Prof. R. H. Shimer of the Geological Department of the Institute, who left for a tour of Europe last April, has brought back with him many new specimens and much interesting data. The specimens, consisting of fossils, rare rocks and crystals and many other minerals, are to be made the property of the Institute. The data and other information is to be compiled and classified, and a new course will be offered to the students of geology and mining engineering.

Prof. Shimer's party left Boston April 8, 1911, sailed to the Azores, thence to Gibraltar. The Rock of Gibraltar, the professor found, was tunneled from one end to the other, and from the top to below sea level. From Gibraltar the party sailed to Africa, and journeyed through Algeria and Morocco. Then they went to Naples, where they visited Vesuvius and examined the lava formations there. At Rome they were entertained by a former Tech man who is there studying architecture. At Turin Prof. Shimer was the representative of the Institute at the fiftieth anniversary of the Royal Polytechnic Institute.

The party stayed for short periods in Milan, Venice, Florence, Trieste, Adelsberg and Inesbrook. At Munich specimens of the famous "lithographic limestone" were secured. The party thence proceeded to Salzburg, stopped at the Konig See, and examined the salt mines of Berchtesgarden which have been worked since Roman days.

The next stops were at Ischel and Vienna. In Bohemia they visited Halsstaat and Prague. Thence they crossed into Germany, passed through Dresden, Berlin, Bonn and many Rhine cities. On the way to France the party stopped at Amsterdam and The Hague. After Paris the next stop was Switzerland and the Alps, thence back to England.

Before taking ship back to America the party traveled through England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, but not more than a day was spent at any one place.

All along the route the members of the party busily employed themselves taking photographs, writing notes and collecting specimens. Prof. Shimer reports that their reception was most cordial all the way, especially by the various universities they encountered.

CIVIL ENGINEERING SMOKER TONIGHT

This evening the Civil Engineering Society will inaugurate its active year with a smoker to greet the new men desiring to become members of the society. At the same time they open the year for all professional societies, this being the first meeting of the season among the engineering organizations.

To this informal meeting have been invited all Sophomores in either Courses I or XI, and all men from other colleges in those courses. The entertainment provided will be a good one, as the principal speaker, Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, is a well known engineer, as described in THE TECH previously. Professors Spofford and Porter will also be present.

The meeting will be held in the Union at 7.45. Refreshments will be served without charge.

Ralph Ferry says that you are to come out for cross-country. Why don't you do as he says and not wait for him to come after you?

COSMOPOLITANS ARE KNOWN NATIONALLY

Autographed Acknowledgments
From President Taft and
Admiral Togo.

The Cosmopolitan Club of the Institute has a feeling of natural pride because they are in possession of a letter from the President of the United States and also of one from Admiral Count Togo, the latter being autographed. The former was in reply to a congratulatory telegram sent President Taft on the occasion of his silver wedding. The letter from Count Togo was an acknowledgment of a letter of welcome sent to him on his arrival to this country.

The telegram to President Taft was:

Boston, June 19th, 1911.
President and Mrs. William H. Taft,
the White House, Washington:
Foreign students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology send their hearty congratulations on your silver wedding day.

DAVID MONTT,
President of the Cosmopolitan Club of
M. I. T.

The reply follows:
The White House,
Washington.

My Dear Mr. Montt:
Will you please say to the foreign students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology how gratified the President and Mrs. Taft were to receive their kind words of congratulation and felicitation which were conveyed in the telegram which you sent on June 19th. They request me to assure the students, through you, of their deep appreciation of their thoughtful courtesy.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES D. HILBES,
Secretary to the President.

Admiral Togo's visit to the country this summer is memorable, not only for the man's great renown, but especially as he came to Boston. The reply sent by him to the greeting of the Cosmopolitan Club is as follows:
The Cosmopolitan Club of M. I. T.,
Boston:

Gentlemen:—
Kindly accept my hearty appreciation of your most cordial welcome and sincere greetings conveyed to me upon my arrival here.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) COUNT TOGO.
This correspondence shows that the Cosmopolitan Club, one of the most unique and beneficial features of the Institute, is very much alive to the opportunities of the day. The club purposes to frame the letters to adorn the walls of their future home.

CALENDAR.

Friday, October 6, 1911.

- 4.00—Gym Team Meeting at the Gym.
- 4.15—Orchestra Rehearsal at the Union.
- 4.15—Track Practice at the Field.
- 4.15—Class Relay Teams at the Field.
- 4.15—Class Tug-of-War Teams at the Gym.
- 4.15—1914 Football at the Oval.
- 4.30—1915 Football at the Field.
- 7.45—C. E. Society Smoker at the Union.

Saturday, October 7, 1911.

- 2.00—Track Practice at the Field.
- 2.00—Class Relay Teams at the Field.
- 3.30—1915 vs. Bridgewater Normal, Football, at Bridgewater.
- 3.30—1914 vs. Worcester Academy, Football, at Worcester.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 6, 1911.

The 1915 Football Team begins its season on Saturday afternoon with a game with the fast Bridgewater team. These practice games are the most important features of the preparation for Field Day, and if the class has any expectations of winning on November 3rd from 1914, they will have to get busy right away. The manager has reported to us that as yet a full team has failed to report at any of the practice periods. Last year the Sophomores won the day by a score of 9-0, but it was not a walkover by any means. From the present outlook, however, it looks like 9-0, with the day being very much of a walkover. It is up to the Freshmen to get busy and not concede the victory to their rivals without a fight. Up and on, Freshmen. Show some Class spirit and make the Sophs work, and after you get working with the proper spirit, go ahead and win the day.

The communication in this issue from a Senior points out the fact that they are still a few rowdys in our midst. It is enough to say that those who disturbed the meeting, if they were Freshmen, deserve to be treated as children and be given a lesson in manners by the Upper Classmen. If they were Upper Classmen, they deserve harsher treatment than any we dare to place before you in print.

COURSE VI NOTES.

This year the number of applicants for advanced degrees to the Electrical Engineering Department is much greater than for other years. There are seven applicants for Masters' degree and two for Doctors'.

Associate Professor Harrison W. Smith is away this year, and his place is being filled by Mr. Gorton. Mr. Gorton is a John Hopkins Institute man and he is very much pleased with the eagerness and earnestness with which the Tech men apply themselves to their work. He said that he never knew men in any college who appreciated their work more than Tech men.

Prof. Pender has spent most of the summer in rewriting his book, "The Elements of Electrical Engineering." He also has been working on his "Electrical Engineers' Pocket Book."

Associate Professor F. A. Laus spent the summer in the Rocky Mountains.

Assistant Professor Wickenden spent the summer in England and Wales.

Professor Jackson spent the summer in England.

ITALIAN-TURKISH WAR BRINGS OUT HEADLINES

[Editor's Note:—This space will be filled with daily live comments on the progress of the Turko-Italian War from our Special War Correspondent.]

The present strife between Italy and Turkey is providing nuts for the newspaper men all over the world; it is the source of headlines, in some cases over an inch in height; it fills column upon column; it has brought into use again many ancient electrotypes which have long lain dustily in the musty composition rooms of the newspapers, and lastly, it has produced comment and discussion, circuitous and interminable. There is one phase of the matter which it seems to us has escaped the ever open eye and the brain which is supposed to be analytical, the newspaper organization; they seem to have missed the question of temperament.

The Italians, like the other Mediterranean peoples, are the most fiery of the western races; when we say that they are quick to take offence we do not mean to imply that in the instance with Turkey they were too quick; but they are quick and they like action. When wronged they like retribution to be immediate. They are hectic. On the other hand, the Turks are less superficial, they keep trouble more to themselves, they do not talk, they wait; waiting is their speciality. The Eastern nations have always been known for the slowness with which they bring about the results they desire, and for the fact, too, that the outcome of their desire is inevitable. The recent incident at Tripoli is to the point; the Italians had blockaded Prevesa and were prepared to bombard; they notified the commander of the garrison of their intention and warned him to surrender. The answer came back that he could not surrender until he had consulted with some one higher in command. The Italian retorted, "Very well, then, we will not wait," and to this the Turkish commander made answer, "You may attack, we will defend ourselves." Such an attitude is called imputability. In the Eastern nations it is perhaps the result of fatalism combined with the habit of waiting.

Kipling has written a poem setting forth the disastrous consequences of any attempt to "hurry the East." Italy has tried it and we are interested to see whether or not the result is in accordance with Kipling's conclusion.

HARVARD TO GIVE UP OLD CUSTOM

President Lowell, of Harvard, will break an old custom when he changes his residence from the old brick "president's house" in the college yard to his new home about to be built on Quincy street, nearby.

For more than fifty years the little brick house has sheltered the presidents of Harvard University. The house was erected in 1861 from a fund left by Peter C. Brooks, and cost \$16,000. It is uncertain to what use the building will be put, but it is possible that it may be used as a library storeroom.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[Communications will be published unsigned at the request of the writer, who must, however, submit his name in every case to the Editor. The Board assumes no responsibility, however, for the facts as stated, or for the opinions expressed therein.]

Evidently there are a few Tech men on the road to Cynicism, witnessed by the fact of cat calls and growls during the first part of Dr. Stockdale's talk this noon. Ample proof of his statement that the cynic was the fellow who stood outside and jeered.

A SENIOR.

Those new clerks at Malachlan's are some drawing card. The Freshmen part with their money with pleasure nowadays.

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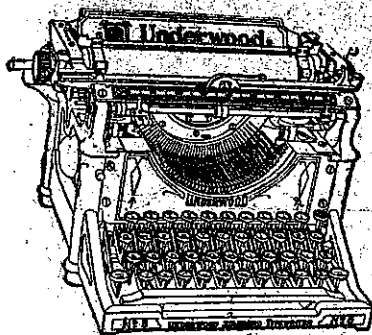
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LOST—H. Harlow, 20 Langdon St., Cambridge, Mass. Fraternity pin, Kappa Phi. Reward. Kindly communicate with H. Harlow.

THIRD YEAR—QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS.

The lecture in Quantitative Analysis 559 is transferred from 20 Eng. B, Thursday, at 10, to 54 Eng. Building A.

WALTER HUMPHREYS,
Registrar.

NOTICE.

The Tech Chapter of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew request the pleasure of your company at an informal reception to be given at the Tech Union to all new students who are connected with the Episcopal Church, on Friday evening, October 6, from 8 to 9. Refreshments.

NOTICE—An important meeting of the Gym Team will be held in the Gym on Friday at 4 P. M. Officers will be elected. Members of team are urged to be present (9-2t)

NOTICE—A Fraternity Pin has been found. It may be had by identification at the General Library.

NOTICE—Civils! Big initial meeting tonight in the Union at 7.45 o'clock. Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, one of the foremost water works engineers of the country, will talk on a new and vital topic. All Sophomores in Courses I and XI should make it a point to attend. Eats are free!

Seniors! You have until Saturday to decide on your class officers. Have you paid your dues, and do you know who you want to lead the class on this, its last year at the State? Nominations must be in Saturday night.

RICHARDS TO SPEAK TO THE MINERS

Course Three to Meet For First Time on Tuesday of Next Week.

The first regular meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held in the Union at 7.45 P. M., on Tuesday next, the 10th of October. On this first occasion, as is befitting, the head of the mining Faculty will give a lecture illustrated by some fine lantern views of his recent trip in the Middle West. Professor Richards' talks are always interesting, and it behoves as many men as possible to take advantage of the evening's entertainment, for it is certain to be exceedingly attractive as well as instructive.

In addition to the talk by Professor Richards there will be some excellent musical items from the different members of the society, talks by others of the Institute professors, and last, but not least, there will be refreshments. The Miners are noted for the good things that they have to eat, and this will be no exception to the rule.

Miners of 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915, everybody is invited, and everyone will be wanted at this meeting. Good cheer and good feeling will abound, and those who do not begin the year right will live to regret it. The Miners are keeping open house. Welcome!

SWIMMING TEAM ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Yesterday afternoon, in the Union, the Swimming Team of last year got together again for a short business session. Elections for the coming year were in order, and it was decided to issue a call at once for candidates for the team.

When the position of captain of the team was brought there seemed to be no doubt that R. A. Leshar, 1913, who was holder of that office last year, was the best man for the place, so he was given unanimous vote of those present. For manager, also there was but one candidate, H. A. Babcock, 1912, and he again received all the votes cast.

Manager Babcock then issued a call for candidates to report at the Salvation Army tank at the corner of Washington and West Brookline streets on Saturday afternoon of this week at 3.30 o'clock. There will be a number of old men at this first practice, and they will try to show the new men the idea of the racing stroke. They will also make arrangements for regular practice for the new men, when their work can be watched by those of the old men who are back, and they can be thoroughly instructed in this speed work.

If the Freshmen and others who are to try for the team could only realize now how much this preliminary work will mean to them somewhat later in the year when they have to face a professional coach, they would be quick to take advantage of it. In addition to this they will have a fine chance to meet the men of the team and learn from them of the work that Tech is trying to do in this line of athletics. It's up to you now, Freshman, can you swim?

Let us hope that the Tennis Association will finish up their Fall tournament this year before the first of June. That is the usual time of playing the last match and deciding the champion.

Have you seen the Freshman with his new long trousers? WE haven't, but we would like to.

Do you know that friend of Blachie's—Larochefoucault?

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This afternoon, after the practice work is finished, the team will gather for the election of captain. At present this man seems to be a dark horse, for none of the men will express any opinion on the matter whatever, and it looks very much as though they all were hoping and looking for the position, a chance to lead their team against the 1915 men on Field Day.

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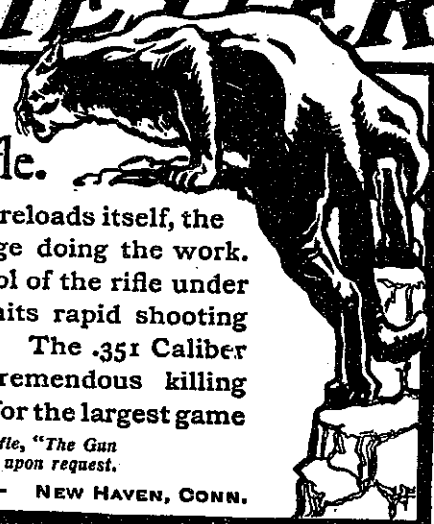
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1913.

Nominations are now open for Class Officers. Nominations signed by ten men may be left at the Cage for 1913 Election Committee until 4 P. M. Monday, October 9. S. E. Rogers, Acting President.

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Precision of Measurements.

Sept. 30, 1911.
The regular course of lectures will be repeated for College Students who have the subject to make up, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock, in Room 23, Walker.

The list of problems to be handed in before December 1st by students who were marked deficient, D, in this subject is posted on the bulletin board in Room 16, Walker.

H. M. GOODWIN.

Sept. 30, 1911.

Physical Laboratory Reports for the year 1910-11 may be obtained by applying to the assistant in Room 16, Walker. Reports remaining uncalled for after October 15th will be confiscated.

H. M. GOODWIN.

NOTICE—Free tickets of admission to the Museum of Fine Arts for the year 1911-1912 may be obtained by all students upon application at the ticket office in the Museum entrance. H. L. Story, For the Director.

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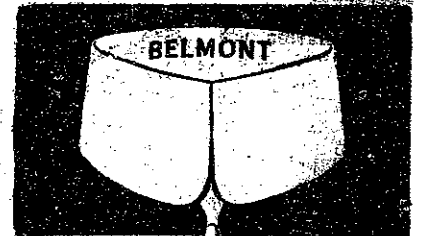
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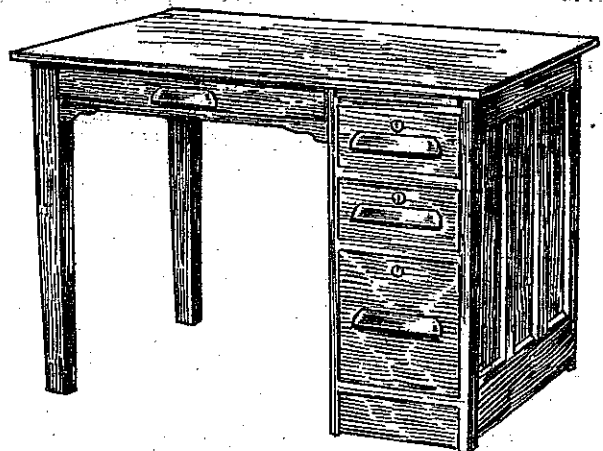


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