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WRESTLING MATCH

Institute Men in Good Condition to Win Bouts With Brown.

The Tech wrestling team which will meet the Brown aggregation at Providence is in excellent condition, and should give that team as tough a fight as they have ever been sent out to stop. The men who have been selected to represent the Institute are: H. R. Crowell, '15; C. A. Bloggett, '15; H. W. Treat, '14; A. H. Means, '12, and Smythe-Martin, '13. Crowell will contest in the heavy weight class, and he has done remarkably excellent work for a comparatively new man. Bloggett is in the 145-pound class, and his quickness in gaining advantages has brought him more than one victory. Treat's showing in former bouts has been so good that he should make things hum by himself.

The other wrestlers, Smythe-Martin and Means, are already known as the veterans of many battles, and their efforts will probably be especially creditable to the team. The home team will have the following wrestlers in the competition: J. E. Rouse, in the middle weight class; J. Wilson, in the 135-pound class, and R. Walker, who will try to throw a 125-pound man. Men representing the heavy weight and the 145-pound class will probably be chosen from E. Jones or C. Simms, W. Eicke or C. Stevens, respectively.

BIOLOGICAL MEETING.

At a meeting of the Biological Society yesterday afternoon Dr. Wallace C. Keith, medical inspector for the State Board of Health, gave an address on "Typhoid from Apparently Unexplained Causes." He related a number of interesting experiences, but the main part of his talk was a statement of the East Bridgewater epidemic.

Professor Sedgwick followed Dr. Keith's talk with a few words. He said that the Massachusetts system of medical inspection is unique to this State, and that although the medical inspector has little legal authority, his powers of publicity make him an influential person. Dr. Keith described the routine duties of a State medical inspector.

LECTURE ON AUSTRALIA.

Last night, in the Union, L. H. Lehmaier gave a lecture on Australia before a large number of members of the M. E. Society. Mr. Lehmaier handled his subject in an especially interesting manner, and discussed the area, population and government of Australia, its people, languages and forms of amusement, and concluded with a discussion of the great engineering possibilities there. The slides, which are owned by the Commonwealth of Australia, were unusually varied and beautiful.

SENIOR DINNER.

Preparations Commenced—Tickets Soon to Be on Sale.

The first meeting of the Dinner Committee was held last night, and preparations for the Senior dinner commenced.

All of the hotels within a radius of half a mile of Rogers Building will be interviewed in the near future, and it is believed that at this early date the

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INSTITUTE RECEIVES ANONYMOUS GIFT ; TWO AND A HALF MILLION FOR FUND.

Site Practically Clear; Cement for Buildings Ready to Ship; Freeman as Engineer; President's Corporation Report

Yesterday afternoon, at the regular meeting of the Corporation, President Maclaurin made the startling announcement that an anonymous donor had added the sum of \$2,500,000.00 to the building fund for "The New Technology." This is the way that men are backing the Institute in this time of growth and expansion. Another man has given half a million; still another demands that four months of his time be taken by the Institute to be spent in drawing up the plans, and a Chicago man says that the cement to be used in the construction is piled up in his warehouse waiting shipment.

This is a gift which has probably never been equaled by any living man in bestowing money on an institution of learning. It will enable the Alumni to center practically their entire attention on the question of raising enough money to equip the New Institute, and to build whatever dormitories and social gathering places they may feel are needed. It has relieved the Corporation of any necessity for worry, and has made them all wearers of "the smile that won't come off," where a short time ago all was gloom.

Following is the report of the President as it was given to the Corporation yesterday:

The question of the Institute's site is now all but settled, and I had hoped to be able to present the final report of the Site Committee to your Corporation today. There have been some delays, however, that made this impracticable, but it is expected that the price will be paid and the whole transaction closed in the course of a few days. The area to be purchased is almost two million feet and the price of land is \$775,000.00. A condition of the agreement to purchase imposed by the Site Committee was that Amherst street and all other streets except Vassar street, that crossed the property should be closed. The closing of Amherst street will necessitate some alterations to existing streets, but instead of undertaking to make these alterations, it has been agreed to pay to the city of Cambridge the sum of \$10,000 as soon as the changes are actually made. Some slight additional expenditure may be incurred for the purchase of a small parcel of land that it may be deemed expedient to acquire.

The recital of these facts and the review of my experience on the Site Committee since it was constituted in June last suggest the observation that nothing is more encouraging to one in my position than to find how readily and generously busy men, such as are the members of this committee, give time and thought and energy to the study of the problem presented. Difficulties, small and great, have arisen in very considerable number since that committee was constituted, and the solution of these difficulties has called for patience and judgment and skill to an extent that cannot be easily estimated.

Whittier Handles Real Estate.

Self-sacrifices of this kind are what is expected from members of your Corporation, where the well-being of the Institute is at stake. However, the difficulties of your Site Committee have been the opportunity for great service to the Institute on the part of one who has no official connection with it. I refer to the assistance in the conduct of our negotiations rendered by Mr. Charles W. Whittier, who placed his great skill and experience in dealings in real estate gratuitously at the disposal of your committee, and whose help has been simply invaluable. I hope that some suitable mode of recognition of these services will be devised by your Corporation.

Phases to Building Problem.

The question of site being practically settled, we are brought into closer grip with the problem of erecting suitable buildings thereupon. This is a great question in each of its three main phases—educational, engineering and architectural. On educational and architectural matters we can count on the active co-operation of the instructing staff, almost every member of which is devoting himself with enthusiasm to the consideration of the problems that are presented. What I have called the engineering phase is of no less importance than the others with which it is, of course, closely allied. By engineering, I mean here not merely questions of structural design, of lighting, heating and ventilation, and so on, important and indeed vital as these are, but the question of proper arrangement of individual buildings and the inter-relation of different buildings in the group so as to save, as much as possible, waste of energy, and to give us the most convenient and the most scientifically designed school of architecture and engineering that is to be found in the world.

Freeman as Chief Engineer.

I am glad to announce that to assist the Executive Committee in the consideration of these problems we have secured the services of a distinguished member of your Corporation, Mr. John R. Freeman, '76. At my request he has undertaken to devote himself exclusively for several months during the summer to the investigation of these questions, and he will do this gratuitously as an evidence of his good will to his Alma Mater. This is but one more example of the spirit of self-sacrifice that animates the Alumni where the problems of the Institute are concerned. It can not fail to be of great value to this Corporation in enabling us to plan buildings that are adequate to the great future that inevitably lies before the Institute.

It is, however, useless to plan buildings unless we can pay for their erection. Here I am fortunately in a position to make an announcement that is unique in its character as far as the Institute is concerned, and one that must mark an epoch in our history. A donor, who wishes for the present to remain anonymous, has offered to subscribe, whenever it may be needed, the sum of two and one-half million dollars towards our building fund. This should practically suffice to build the New Technology as far as strictly educational buildings are concerned. Provision has yet to be made for a centre of social activity among the students, for student houses or dormitories, for the equipment of the new buildings and for the laying out of the grounds, these being matters that the donor expects to be provided by other benefactors. To raise funds for these purposes, as well as an endowment that will enable the Institute to maintain its position of acknowledged leadership in its chosen field is the main financial problem with which you are now confronted.

Reasons for Gift.

The gift that I have announced is one of the largest in this era of large things. It has been given in a spirit that shows a modern business man at his very best and in a manner that cannot fail to command our admiration by the evidence that it displays of the desire to do a great thing quietly and without fuss. It may interest you to be told some of the reasons for this gift indicated by the donor in the course of our conversations. (First.) His belief in the need of the highest technical education today and of its growing importance in the future. (Second.) His recognition of the great work that Technology has already done and his knowledge of the high esteem in which its Alumni are held by those they have served. (Third.) His association with men of prominence in England and Germany and their assurance to him that the Institute of Technology is one of the great educational forces of the world. (Fourth.) His appreciation of the fact that prestige is a great asset to any

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JOINT NIGHT SOCIAL.

Cosmopolitans Will Hold a Big Entertainment March 30.

It was decided at a meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club yesterday to hold a Joint Night entertainment instead of the previously suggested Japanese Night, planned for Saturday, March 30, in the Union. The club also intends to give an entertainment some time later in connection with the Washington Memorial Fund, the program of which will have to be submitted to the secretary of the fund for approval.

The program for Joint Night will include numbers by all the countries represented at the Institute. It will also include musical numbers and a game of shuttle-cock by Chinese students, the Mouazzen (the Mohammedan call for prayer), a Japanese sword dance, Spanish music by Latin-American students, a Maori war-cry, and personal recollections of the largest aviation meet in Paris. These, with others to be added later, will furnish a very interesting entertainment.

SHOW PROGRESSING.

Now that the final selection of the chorus and cast for Tech Show, 1912, has been made, rehearsals will be held every day, and it is expected by Coach Sanger that by the middle of next week the first act of the Show will be well under way.

The pictures of the principals and chorus are to be taken this coming Sunday, and it is absolutely essential that every man be there, and at the time appointed. In previous years some one has invariably failed to put in appearance, and it is the hope of the management that the fellows this year will show up. The time for the sitting will be announced to the men later.

The authors and writers of the music have been working together for some time and as a result the music for the first act has been completely revised, a contract with the White-Smith Company made, and several of the pieces have even been taken to the above firm to be printed.

BASEBALL MEETING.

The men who played on the 1914 baseball team last year will meet in the Union Friday noon to elect a captain and manager for this year. Several games are already practically arranged and prospects for a successful season are very bright, as most of last year's men will be out.

CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. F. Taylor, 1914.

Thursday, March 14.

1.00—Managing Board of THE TECH—Upper Office.

1.30—T. C. A. Meeting—Dr. O. P. Gifford—Union.

4.05—Rehearsal of Chorus.

Friday, March 15.

1.20—News Board—Upper Office.

4.00—Prof. Goodwin's Lecture—Walker.

4.05—Rehearsal of Principals.

4.15—Glee Club Rehearsal—Union.

4.15—Mandolin Rehearsal—26 Rogers.

4.15—Orchestra Rehearsal—Union.

7.30—M. A. H. S. Club Meeting—Union.

A. S. M. E. Lecture. Time later.

Saturday, March 16.

2.20—Chorus and Principals.

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Friday Editor—F. C. Foote, 1915.
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RICHARD COCKBURN MACLAURIN.

The magnificent gift of an unknown benefactor to the school is a striking tribute to the splendid work done by Richard Cockburn MacLaurin for the new Technology. Ever since the scheme has been decided a long list of masterpieces in diplomacy have been devised by this man. When we take into account the fact that our President is a New Zealander, working in a strange country, under, to a certain extent adverse conditions, an admiration must arise for his power in handling men, and accommodating himself to circumstances, which cannot fall far short of worship.

The clear, concise way in which the Site problem was set before a band of primarily opposed councillors, and the quick way in which they arrived at a favorable decree was an example of his master mind. Then his wonderful aptitude for judging men and his magnetic personality are well illustrated by the way in which he prevailed on two men to provide, the one, the site, and the other the buildings.

While on the recent Western tour he caught the country by his splendid treatment of fundamental educational considerations; he was himself surprised at the high estimate in the West of the value of technical education and enormous dependence of the large corporations on technically trained men.

The anonymity of the gift is a pleasing phase, the fact that the benefactor gave it from his heart, and also that he was not a Technology alumnus is a proof positive of the enormous number of friends we have. He learned of the prominence of the Institute in the world by his contact with prominent men in England and Germany.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our benefactor for the magnificent gift, and with it our heartiest congratulations to Richard Cockburn MacLaurin for the splendid tribute to his wonderful work.

Is the Field to open for the convenience of the fishermen or the skaters next week? The weather man does not seem kindly disposed.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

To Take No Men On Team Because of Any Money Received.

The American Olympic Committee has taken a stand that will have a very good effect on amateur athletics in this country, when they decided at their last meeting that they would accept no donations whatever that might be turned with a proviso tacked to them, that they should be used to pay the expenses of some particular athlete.

The matter was brought up through the action of a Western University and a prominent athletic club of the same section, in offering moneys to be used for certain men whom they wished on the team. The action of the committee was prompt and effective and it will go a long way toward preventing the howls of favoritism which always arise when the team of this kind is picked, as well as making for the good of the non-professional game in all its branches.

DR. GIFFORD TODAY.

Today the Christian Association has as its speaker at the noon meeting Dr. O. P. Gifford, who was one of the most popular speakers of the fall term. Today he speaks on a subject that has recently become of pressing importance in many of the industries of the world, and by using which many companies are making their profits, "Wealth from Waste." Dr. Gifford's subject last term had less chance to be popular than has his present one, and everyone who heard that seems to be still talking of it as producing one of the finest talks that have been given in the series. Then it was "The City Without a Church." After the speaker's previous success the Association expects a record crowd.

INSTITUTE BEQUEST.

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institution, and his belief that it should enable the Institute to attract the best students and instructors and so continue to turn out the best product. (Fifth.) His agreement with our policy of expansion and with the general plan already announced as to the expansion and his very hearty approval of our choice of a site. In his judgment, "Surely one of the very best in the world for such an institution." I share the hope of the donor that this gift will stimulate the friends of the Institute not only to provide the funds for the payment of the price of the land, for the laying out of the grounds and erection of proper facilities for student life, but to go to the very heart of our problem and make a substantial addition to our endowment fund. The improved facilities of the new buildings on the new site will enable the Institute to do better work, but they will add considerably to the cost of maintenance. Moreover, as science advances, new fields of endeavor are constantly coming into view, and no one can be in close touch with the Institute's activities today without realizing that there are many obvious and important things for it to do if only financial difficulties did not stand in the way. Apart from this, however, we must recognize the fact that without any change whatever in the field of our operations we can not continue in a position of unquestioned leadership unless we can continue to attract and retain the services of the very best men on our instructing staff. Higher salaries are inevitable, and the sooner they come the better for the Institute, and for the cause of higher technical education generally.

Work for Alumni.

I am hopeful that all these things that I have outlined will be done soon, because I recognize that the Institute has many friends today. The Alumni have everywhere urged a forward policy and have often expressed their willingness to help in so far as in them lies. One of them, Mr. T. Coleman duPont, by a great gift, opportunely timed, has done much to make this forward policy possible, and I have no doubt others will combine to complete the Walker Memorial, erect student houses and lay out the grounds in a way that will show their appreciation of the splendid gift announced today from one who is not of their number. Neither Mr. duPont nor this other benefactor is a Massachusetts man. Their gifts aggregate three million dollars, which is about the sum that is needed to do what is still required in the directions that I have indicated. The members of your Corporation may be relied upon to help in so far as in them lies, both directly and through their influence on public-spirited citizens of Massachusetts. Certainly Massachusetts will not fail to support its own child merely because its usefulness and its prestige are recognized so well beyond the borders of this State.

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All Course II men are invited to go, whether or not members of the society, and tickets may be obtained from any officer of the society.

DINING ROOM REPORT.

Cash statement of dining room account up to and including March 3, 1912:

Income.	
Supplies on hand.....	\$636.54
Receipts	13,439.44
Private dinners	1,213.67
Miscellaneous (sale of merchandise, etc.)	307.46
Total.....	\$15,597.11
Outgo.	
Supplies bought	\$10,632.71
Pay roll	3,793.53
Pay roll students.....	853.40
Petty cash	13.71
Repairs	147.19
Total.....	\$15,440.54
Profit	\$156.57
Cigars and Candy Account.	
Stock on hand.....	\$144.21
Receipts	1,507.83
Commission on sale of banners	170.00
Total.....	\$1,822.04
Supplies bought	1,425.43
Profit	\$396.61

March 13, 1912.

There are assets, viz.: unpaid dinner bills, \$116.67; Tech Union stationery on hand, which is being sold daily, amounting to \$126.90.

It should be borne in mind that in making up the above figures no account has been taken of overhead charges, such as rent, water, heat, electricity, etc., which it would be perfectly proper for the Institute to charge to the Union, and which would a great deal more than wipe out this profit. It should be also borne in mind that it is necessary during the summer to make repairs to the range, kettles, etc., in the kitchen, to replenish the dishes, table cloths, napkins, etc., at an expense of several hundred dollars. It is also intended during the coming summer, by putting in a cement floor in the serving end of the dining room, to get rid of the constant source of expense in repairs to the floor. It will be seen, therefore, from a study of the above that the profit which is shown is no greater than it ought to be to enable the Union to start clear with full equipment another fall. It has been the aim of the Union management to give to the students the very best that could be given in the way of food and service, and, while no institution like this can be run without giving cause for some complaint, the very greatly increased attendance gives us reason to believe that we have not been wholly unsuccessful in our efforts. It has been difficult for the management to furnish good food at as low a figure as they wished, but we really cannot but feel that the general student body will commend the efforts made by the management this year.

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committee may make definite arrangements which will assure the class of the best service that Boston hotels can offer.

An effort will be made to secure the new Copley Plaza for this event, as the hotel is scheduled to open at about this time, and while the possibilities of making this arrangement are slight, the committee will make every attempt to bring this about.

Tickets for the dinner will be on sale within a short time, and will admit the bearer to the dinner on condition that his Class Day assessment has been paid, as has been the custom in former years.

The exact date of the dinner is as yet uncertain, being dependent upon the date fixed by the Faculty for the distribution of notices concerning the Senior graduation. These will be handed to the members of the class directly at the close of the dinner, and owing to this arrangement it is believed that each member of the class will feel it incumbent upon himself to attend this last and best of the banquets of 1912.

Have you noticed the bird's-eye view of Cambridge at the auto show? It shows the new Technology in all its glory.

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The next meeting of the Prom Committee is to be held on Thursday, at which many important plans are to be discussed, as the time is drawing near for the eventful day to happen, and as there are some things yet to be arranged, it is to be hoped that all members will be present.

Penn won the intercollegiate swimming meet with 21 points. Princeton was second with 17 points, Yale was third with a score of four, and Columbia collected three points. Captain Willis of Penn broke two records, the plunge for distance, with a mark of 80 feet.

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