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## PLANS FOR FRESHMAN DINNER ARE COMPLETE

### Occasion of Bursar Rand's First Address to the Class of 1915.

On Thursday evening, March 21, the annual Freshman dinner will be held in the Union dining room at 8 o'clock. The committee in charge is planning to make it an unusual success by introducing a number of new and original features. Among these will be the menu, which will be something of a surprise, for a very unique one has been planned.

The speakers are well known to every Tech man as persons who are interested in not only the school, but also the social life of the student. Among them are Professor Talbot, Mr. Blachstein, Mr. Kanaly, Dean Burton and Bursar Rand. These men are well-known as after-dinner speakers, and a chance to hear them is regarded as a rare treat. This will be the first time that the Bursar has addressed the Class of 1915, and he will, without doubt, uphold his reputation for pithy remarks.

## COURSE I MEETING.

### James E. Rollins Will Speak At Dinner in the Union.

At 6.30 o'clock tomorrow evening a dinner and important meeting of the Civil Engineering Society will be held in the Union. James W. Rollins will give the address of the evening.

Mr. Rollins was graduated from the Institute in '78, and since that time he has been engaged in various kinds of engineering problems. He is now president of the well-known engineering and contracting firm of Holbrook, Cabot and Rollins. This concern is now constructing the foundations of the tunnel for the New York aqueduct, and the various situations which have been encountered in this construction are unique.

Until Monday night tickets may be purchased from officers of the Civil Engineering Society.

## BANQUET POSTPONED.

Owing to an unforeseen conflict with the plans of the Freshman dinner which had the prior reservation of the Union for Thursday of this week, the All-Technology undergraduate banquet has been postponed. The Institute Committee, in charge of the affair, will announce a new date for the banquet after its meeting on Wednesday.

## CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

At 1 o'clock today a meeting of the Freshman cross-country team will be held in the track team room in the Union. The men present at that time will constitute a quorum, and nominations for captain of the team will begin. As the election of the captain of the squad is the only purpose of the meeting, and the man elected will captain the team that will run the Sophomores in April, all members should be present on time.

James Thorpe, the Carlisle Indian, is rapidly becoming known as the greatest all-round athlete in the world.

## SOPHOMORE BASEBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

### Nine High School Games Precede the Freshman Series On May 11, 15, 18.

The Sophomores commence their baseball season in two weeks. Manager Gardiner has arranged a strong schedule with the neighboring high schools, consisting of a dozen games. The prospects of a successful season are very bright, there being several men of last year's team on hand. Almost thirty men have notified the manager of their intentions of commencing practice on the thirtieth of this month. With this squad the team will not lack, in general, material for the various positions. However, there is but few candidates for the pitcher's box. It will be necessary, that several men go out for this position as the games are well bunched, three of them being within four days, early in the season. At present there are only two candidates for this place, last year's man, Morrison, who pitched fine ball all season, and Harris, a new man, who has an easy movement and who shows promise.

During the latter part of the season there will be a series of three games with the Freshmen as a wind-up late in May. The schedule as a whole, with the possible exception of the game with Wellesley on April 19th, which date is not yet definite, and the two open dates, April 6th and 10th, is as follows: April 6, open; April 10, open; April 13, Beverly High; April 17, Natick High; April 19, Wellesley High; April 20, Rock Rindge High; April 27, Dorchester High; May 4, Waltham High, May 11, 15, 18, Freshman series.

On Tuesday, March 19th, a meeting of the candidates will be held in the Union at 1 o'clock, to elect a captain and to discuss the positions desired by each man.

## DR. MILLS WILL SPEAK.

### Pastor of Methodist Church to Talk on Reverence Thursday.

The speaker at the Christian Association meeting on Thursday noon of this week is to be a younger man than usual, the Rev. Ernest Lyman Mills, and his subject, one often neglected by young men, "The Principle of Reverence."

Dr. Mills is a graduate of Boston University, and since graduation has been constantly active here in Boston in church social service work. He is at present the pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church on Temple street, which is down the hill back of the State House, in a neighborhood that offers an abundance of opportunity for a busy church to keep all its energies at work. He has previously had a church in South Boston, where he likewise had his hands full, and the Association expects to hear a characteristically forceful talk.

Let's see the Field crowded on the first day.

The 1912 Army football schedule has just been announced and consists of nine games, as follows: October 5, Stevens; 12, Rutgers; 19, Yale; 26, Colgate; November 2, Holy Cross; 9, Carlisle; 16, Tufts; 23, Syracuse; 30, Navy.

## PROMINENT MEN WILL ADDRESS M. E. SOCIETY

### All Mechanicals Are Invited to Annual Banquet Held Tomorrow.

The annual banquet of the Mechanical Engineering Society will be held at 6.30 o'clock tomorrow evening, March 19, at the Boston City Club, Beacon street. On this important occasion the results of the annual election of officers will be announced, and a picture of the society will be taken.

A number of prominent men have been secured as speakers at the banquet, among whom are men of great engineering reputation. The society extends a cordial invitation to all Course II men, and the tickets may be obtained from any of its officers.

The speakers will be Professor Hollis of Harvard, Professor Miller of the Institute, Mr. Ralph E. Curtis and Mr. Richard A. Rice. The first speaker will be Professor Hollis, the senior vice-president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, who will be its official representative at the dinner. He is also president of the Engineering Club of Boston. Professor Miller, who is at the head of Course II, and requires no introduction to the students, is the chairman of the Boston branch of the A. S. M. E. Mr. Curtis is the secretary of the same branch. He is the chief designer for the Boston Edison Company. Mr. Rice is a mechanical engineer at the Lynn plant of the General Electric Company. He recently contributed a valuable article on the turbo air compressor to the A. S. M. E. Journal.

The following are the candidates to be voted on before next Tuesday: Chairman, J. G. Russell, S. W. Selfridge; vice-president, H. D. Peck, E. Hurst; secretary, J. B. Farwell, K. P. Hamilton; treasurer, L. L. Custer, R. J. Tullar; governing committee, (1913), P. W. Bartell, E. W. Brewster, M. L. Waterman; (1914), W. H. Brotherton, W. C. McEwen, C. F. Crommett, C. H. Wilkins. The ballots may be obtained at the Cage, and if not handed in at the same place before 4 P. M. Tuesday they will be collected at the banquet. The dues must be paid and the society asks everyone to write his name on the envelope containing the ballot.

## "THAT BRINY DIP."

### Popular Song Product of Two Show Men, Vose and Denison.

"That Briny Dip," the popular ragtime song which is making such a hit on the Keith circuit of vaudeville theatres, is the product of two Tech men, E. C. Vose, '12, and Orville B. Denison, '12.

Mr. Vose is now an assistant in the Civil Engineering Department of the Institute. He has been connected with four Tech Shows, being the co-author of the last three, including this year's show, "Castles in Spain." He is responsible for some of the most popular lyrics that Tech Show has had. The words of "That Briny Dip" were written by him.

Denison, who wrote the music of the song hit, is now with the American Steel and Wire Company in Worcester. He, while in the Institute, was also identified with Tech Show as pianist and as the composer of much of Tech Show's catchy music.

## SEASON'S TRACK PLANS OUTLINED BY KANALY

### Hopes to Beat Brown For Second Place in New England Track Meet.

With the opening of the Field today the track teams will commence work on what promises to be a most successful season. The track is in better shape than ever before and the weather is perfect. The first and only collegiate meet will take place with Brown in May. Brown has the best team in years, for some of her men have already been conceded first places in the New England inter-collegiate. They have stated that the meet would be a walkover for them. Coach Frank Kanaly means to beat Brown, and he has ordered practise in the Field at 3 o'clock every day for all track men. The cross-country men will practise at the Field occasionally.

On the eighteenth of May the New England intercollegiate will be held at Springfield. Tech's chances for first place are small, but we will give Brown a good rub for second. If Brown can be beaten the chances for the team going to Philadelphia for the all-intercollegiate will be greatly improved. These games will take place about the first of June in Franklin Field at Philadelphia. Our chances there are restricted to the individual work of a few men. Dalrymple, who made out so well at the games held in the Stadium last year, should win a first in the high jump. Wilson and Guething ought to show up well in the sprints, and Marceau, in the long distance runs, should prove a surprise.

The Athletic Association has passed favorably on sending the two-mile relay team to Philadelphia to compete on April 27. Its chances are excellent, for it is the best squad that the Institute has ever had. As these intercollegiate are also eliminations for the Olympic games in Sweden, the Institute has a chance of being represented by at least one man, Dalrymple.

Besides these greater activities there will be a chance for all track men to participate in minor events. The inter-class games will take place on the thirteenth of April. The Freshman-Sophomore meet will be held a little later. Preceding this, (Continued to Page 2.)

## CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. H. Taylor, 1914.

Monday, March 18.

1.00—Freshman Cross-Country Meeting—Union.  
4.15—Glee Club Rehearsal—Union.  
5.00—Lowell Lecture—Napoleon—Huntington Hall.

Tuesday, March 19.

1.00—Sophomore Basketball Meeting—Union.  
4.15—Mandolin Club Rehearsal—Union.  
6.00—Civil Engineering Banquet—Union.  
6.30—Mechanical Engineering Banquet—Boston City Club.

Wednesday, March 20.

1.00—Golf Club Meeting.  
4.15—Institute Committee Meeting—S Eng. C.

Thursday, March 21.

1.00—Managing Board, THE TECH—Upper Office.  
1.30—T. C. A. Meeting—Union.  
5.00—Lowell Lecture—Huntington Hall.

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### IN CHARGE OF ISSUES.

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### THE UNION BALANCE.

The satisfactory state of affairs surrounding the Dining Room's organization during the present year reflects great credit on the committee. We realize that many unjust criticisms of the management have entered our communication column, but they were apparently prompted by ignorance rather than by a correct knowledge of the subject under discussion.

The expense of maintaining efficient service, providing good, clean, wholesome food, is of necessity large in these days of high prices; and the Union Dining Room certainly furnishes more for our money than we can get anywhere else in this city.

The intended improvements to the floor and the general replenishing of utensils will undoubtedly appeal to everyone, but they will also need a large amount of money, and that is why the Union is not living at the end of its income, but is trying to run out the year with a fair credit balance.

The improved and efficient management of the Dining Room Committee is, in our opinion, worthy of consideration.

### NOISE IN THE LIBRARY.

We wonder whether many individuals in the school have ever troubled to think out the intended use of the General Library in Rogers. If they have ever racked their brains on the subject it might not be amiss to inform them that its primary use is for studying purposes. It has been our lot to have spent a large amount of time in the library lately, and on every occasion we have been disturbed at our work by the childish and occasionally idiotic conversations of the men around us.

The Institute is a large place, there is plenty of room about where men can go and carry on these conversations without disturbing their fellow classmates; and it might be suggested to the selfish few that the majority of the men who go to the Library are there for working purposes.

## ART EXHIBITS HELD IN PIERCE BUILDING

### Problem Work of Students Display Drawings of Excellence.

A feature of the Institute which seems to have almost entirely escaped the notice of the students is the Architectural exhibition in the quarters of the Department of Architecture in Pierce Building. The exhibition room is on the fourth floor.

In this room is displayed the work of the Course IV men in design on the completion of the assigned problems in that line. Occasionally there is also exhibited the work of the class in pen and pencil, a class conducted by the noted Mr. D. A. Gregg. The fundamental purpose of these exhibits is for the criticism of Professor Despradelle Rotch, professor of design, attended by the class. These various renderings are finally graded by the award of mentions.

While primarily for the benefit of the students of architecture, the room is open to visitors. The visitors for the first time are delighted with the work which is usually of a high order consistent with the professional and artistic standing of the department. The result is that an occasional visit becomes an enjoyable treat. The current exhibition is proving of great interest.

### NAUGHT BUT KNOTS.

#### Major Cole Will Resume Work Today, Meeting Weekly.

Owing to the pressure of work, the review work of the class in Knots has been delayed. Major Cole announces that this work will be resumed today. Because of this late date, the previously arranged monthly meetings will be abandoned in favor of the weekly meetings, to be held as long as may be desirable. The sections will meet as follows: Monday, 4 to 5 P. M.; Tuesday, 10.15 to 11 A. M.; Tuesday, 11 to 11.45 A. M.; Friday, 11 to 11.45 A. M., and Friday, 4 to 5 P. M.

The old members may attend any of the sections as convenient, and new men may take the course if desired.

### SEASON'S TRACK PLANS

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the inter-course cross-country will be held on the thirtieth of March. A number of meets have been arranged for the Freshmen and Sophomores with some of the best preparatory schools in the State. The most important of all will be the competition between the class teams of Tech with the respective class teams of Harvard.

At Needham the Hare and Hounds' Club did need boots, not sneakers.

Hurry up, Crew, with your shell, the ice is leaving the river.

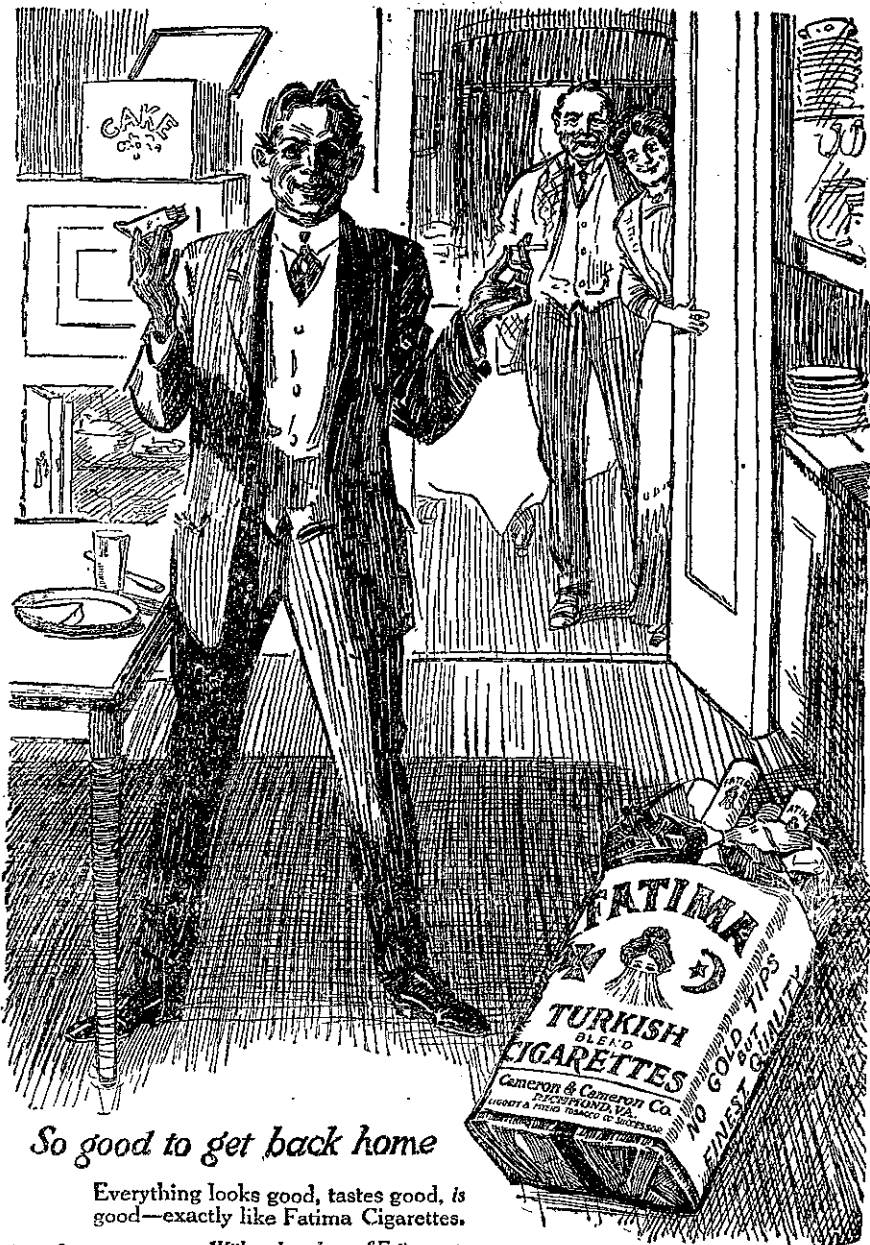
The All-New England basketball team as chosen by a prominent athlete is made up of five Wesleyan men.

The Canadians played a tie game Saturday night with the hockey team. It was the best ever seen here.

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Coach Kanaly here lined up the men and sent them off on the final sprint to the Gym, a distance of about half a mile. In this sprint Hill and Gurney both showed up surprisingly well, Hill taking the lead and keeping it with an exceptional pace. He was followed by Nye and Gurney, but the latter was forced to slow down at the end of the race with a pain in his side. This run was one of the hardest that the Hare and Hounds' Club has yet endured.

The men finished in the following order: E. Hill, '15; A. F. Nye, '14; C. Lovell, '15; A. F. Peaslee, '14; W. Spencer, '15; W. Gurney, '15; P. M. Currier, '14; W. Jennings, '15; H. Passett, '15; C. S. Lee, '14; C. Hall, '15; E. Magee, '15; Matthews, '15; L. Best, '15; L. Stanley, E. M. Loveland, '15; J. Keleher, '15; W. S. Russell, '15; E. D. Pratt, '15; C. Norton, '15; J. Monahan, '15; R. Atkin, '15; M. Sayward, '14; F. C. Atwood, '14; T. G. Brown, '15. and W. Russell, '15.

**STEAM AND CONCRETE.**

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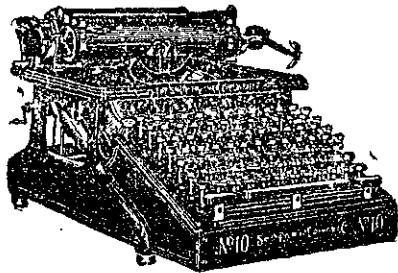
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