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INSTITUTE COMMITTEE MEETING YESTERDAY

Question of Orchestra and Spring Concert Referred to a Committee.

Yesterday, at 5 o'clock, an Institute Committee meeting was called to order in Room 8, Engineering C. Due to the absence of Chairman Kebbon, H. D. Peck presided.

The Point System Committee reported that investigation had found five men who were carrying more than ten points. There was in this connection some discussion as to the advisability of commuting to ten the points of the men who are in both show and musical club work. It was decided to leave the decision of this matter to the Executive Board.

The chairman of the committee on the All-Technology Dinner was not present at the meeting, but they were instructed and authorized to set a convenient date for the banquet.

A discussion over the Spring concert, as to whether or not the Orchestra would be allowed to appear upon this year's program, concluded the business of the day. The settlement of this problem was left to a new committee which is to be appointed by the chairman.

ARCHITECTURAL TRIP.

Option 2 Men Will Visit New Filene Building Tomorrow.

Today, nearly all the Architectural Engineering Society will make a trip to the new Filene building as guests of the chief engineer, Mr. Merrill. The party will leave the rooms of the department in Pierce promptly at 2 o'clock. This trip is primarily for the purpose of making a study of the steel work in the building, and on that account should be especially interesting to Option 2 men. Mr. Merrill will show them other interesting phases of the construction as well.

The society has also secured several men actively engaged in the practice of the profession as speakers for the near future. Among these are Professor George F. Swain, Mr. Angus McMillan and William H. Sayward. Professor Swain is the director of the School of Applied Science of Harvard. Mr. McMillan is the designing engineer of the Aberthaw Construction Company of Boston and will give an illustrated talk on flat-slab construction in reinforced concrete buildings. "The Contractor's Viewpoint of Building Construction" will be the subject of Mr. Sayward's address. He is the secretary of the Master Builders' Association of Boston. The society expects to secure other speakers whose names will be announced as soon as affairs are definitely arranged.

A new set of rowing machines has been recently installed in Columbia gymnasium. Of the most improved type, the new arrangement provides for a system which forces the men to row together, with a dial that informs the coach as soon as any members of the crew is out of time.

DR. MILLS TO SPEAK AT T. C. A. MEETING

Today's Subject Will Be the "Principles of Reverence"—All Out.

"The Principles of Reverence" is to be the subject of the talk before the Christian Association this noon. The Rev. Ernest Lyman Mills is to present this subject, and as it is a very interesting one it should draw a large crowd.

Dr. Mills is one of the youngest speakers that the Association has ever asked to speak, and for that reason and because he is just recently out of college, he will probably give a much more interesting talk than an older man would. He is a graduate of Boston University, and his active work since graduation has attracted much favorable comment. The Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is pastor, is situated on Temple street, back of the State House, and as he has conducted this church successfully among its rather low environment, he deserves great credit.

He is an adept at dealing with difficult affairs, as he previously held the pastorate of a church in South Boston, where he had an abundance of material to work with, and where he was a wonderful factor for the betterment of the community. It is expected by the Association that he will give an exceedingly interesting talk, and it will be of value for any who can, to attend.

RUN AT WAKEFIELD.

Beauties of Rural Scenery to Be Shown by Prominent Citizens.

All the bright and hardy young men of the Institute are going for a little jaunt Saturday afternoon in and around the beautiful suburban village of Wakefield. They will be guided by the customary little paper trail, which will be laid by the natives. Two of the prominent citizens, R. D. Bonney, '13, and K. Cartwright, '12, will accompany the excursion.

The Wakefield course is the most varied of all the hare and hound circuit. The course starts with a hill that has Larz Anderson beat in a dozen ways for length and height. After a trip through the pine woods it comes out onto open country, and is level for the whole last four miles. It is about seven miles long. Incidentally there are no speed laws that apply to runners there.

The Hare and Hound Club will not try to keep the fun all to themselves, and any one in the Institute is invited to go. No one will regret the trip, that is if they are looking for some real exercise.

TRACK NOTICE.

There will be no track work at the field on Friday. Instead, a meeting is to be held in the Union at 4.15, and all men interested in track athletics are requested to be present. Coach Kanaly will speak.

Seven weeks' reports for Sophomores and Freshmen will be out soon. What did you get?

PRESCOTT DISCUSSES THE MILK QUESTION

Chemicals Plan for Banquet in April—Accept President's Resignation.

In the Union last night the Chemical Society held its first meeting of this term. The resignation of Bates Toirey, the president, was accepted, and the acting president appointed F. A. Robinson, Jr., C. H. Albee and H. Rogers a committee to obtain estimates for the annual banquet.

After this necessary business had been concluded, Professor S. C. Prescott of the Biological Department addressed the forty members on "The Milk Question." He said that if the city's water supply were as bad as the present milk supply, that the water commissioners would be called murderers. The condition of the milk supply is fully as important as that of the water. It is the largest food material that is used without cooking.

He showed a series of slides illustrating the sources of the city's milk and the conditions under which it was produced several years ago.

The "milk shed" of Boston covers most of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, some of the milk coming from New York and the towns on the Canadian boundary. The larger concerns have divided this territory so that there is very little competition at the producing end. A very small proportion of the total supply is furnished by farms run under the supervision of medical societies, the product being called certified milk.

For the ordinary producer the most effective way of producing good milk at low cost is to combine inspection with pasteurization, but this pasteurization should be done in the bottle. Professor Prescott ended his talk with a discussion of the effects of the various methods of sterilizing milk.

Professor Talbot then spoke to the members about the spring plans. He said that the total membership in Courses V, X, XI and XIV was enough to make the Chemical Society the third or fourth largest in the Institute. He felt that the society ought to take this place by increasing its activity. In the end the responsibility for this devolves upon the individual members, who can express it by their constant attendance at the meetings.

MANDOLIN REHEARSALS.

The management of the Mandolin Club has decided that it will be advisable to hold only one rehearsal a week for the remainder of the term, this rehearsal to take place in the Union Wednesday afternoons at a quarter past four o'clock. The fact that the number of rehearsals to be held between now and the date of the Spring concert has been cut in half, together with the fact that Coach Lansing is to be present at each of them, makes it all the more important that the members should attend regularly. Tickets for the concert will be on sale at the Cage and by members of the clubs in a short time.

Soon mud on these hare and hound runs.

HALL CROWDED AT THIRD CONVOCATION

Large Audience Addressed By W. Burns, World-Famous Detective.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon President Maclaurin introduced to the undergraduates and Faculty of the Institute, assembled in one of the largest Convocations of recent years, Mr. William J. Burns, of the world-famous detective agency, by saying that true scientists had to consider both the good and the bad and the methods of treating them, and he thought that it was fitting that Mr. Burns should so closely follow the talk on Mrs. Rogers and the good done by her with his little speech on modern methods of handling the evil side of the world.

Mr. Burns exploded the conventional idea of the detective and his work in stating: "The detective and his work is not at all mysterious, for the solution of his problems involve the same factors that solve any other problem. All that is needed is a little common sense and a little resourcefulness, but it is persistency that brings results. The detective is very much a matter of fact person. Whenever you see a detective looking wise and mysterious, hold on to your pocketbook and your watch, for he is a crook."

Mr. Burns was very much pleased, he said, that college men generally took such an interest in problems of civics and economics. Soon great problems are to be settled and the country must look to these men for their solution and settlement. The education that is derived from the college imposes a great obligation of service to the State or country.

The utter futility of covering up the traces of a misdeed was thoroughly proven by the exposition of the methods that were used by the Burns service in several of the big cases that have come before the public. The dynamite cases against the Steel Workers' Association was brought home to them by the comparison of the bombs found in different parts of the country, in the works of the non-union shops. These bombs were identical in character, showing that one hand fashioned them.

Mr. Burns emphasized the tremendous asset that a clear reputation and character is to the man entering into the affairs of the world. Strength of will must be developed to resist temptation, and it is useless to say that one is immune from the committing of evil. As an instance of what the burden of a slight indiscretion in
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CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. J. Taylor, 1912.
Thursday, March 21.
1.00—Managing Board, THE TECH—Upper Office.
1.30—T. C. A. Meeting—Union.
4.15—Orchestra Rehearsal—Union.
5.00—Lowell Lecture—Huntington Hall.
6.30—1912 Dinner—Union.
Friday, March 22.
1.20—News Board Meeting—Lower Office. Open Meeting.
4.15—Glee Club Rehearsal with Coach—Union.

UNION--FRESHMAN DINNER--6.30 P. M.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1912

IN CHARGE OF ISSUES.

Friday Editor—F. C. Foote, 1915.
Assistants—L. H. Graham, 1914; L. H. Chellman, 1915.

The impending avalanche of displeasure which greeted our editorial of a recent date on General Studies reached us yesterday enveloped in the communication which we have printed in today's issue.

The policy of THE TECH is to further ideas by which the Institute will eventually benefit. With this end in view we brought the subject of General Studies into these columns some days since. It had not been our intention to be radical in the views expressed, but rather by a general upward tendency to bring home to the men the importance of English literature, Business Law and Languages in the Institute courses.

The editorial against which the criticism is directed could not have been read carefully by the individuals who are displeased with it. In support of this we would like to say that a paper was sent on request to a member of the Faculty, who had communicated with us in reference to the subject, and on re-reading the article he assured us that there must have been some mistake as he was totally in harmony with the sentiments displayed therein.

We realize that THE TECH is not beyond criticism, and that at times our phraseology is a trifle archaic, but we do think that when criticism is subjected it should be based on substantial grounds.

Destructive criticism is not an agreeable adjunct to the columns of any paper if annihilation is its sole aim; but if by destruction we can ultimately arrive at a better state of affairs, then, certainly, we will use this type of criticism in our columns.

It is impossible for us to please the multitude; we have only one "Medulla Oblongata," and we do as well with it as we can. The fact that Technology is undoubtedly a scientific school prohibits it from possessing the large share of classical studies that other schools have. But certainly to those who have carefully followed the news in THE TECH, it must have been apparent that we are distinctly in favor of General Studies as now included in our Institute curriculum.

COMMUNICATION.

(We invite communications from all men in the Institute on important subjects. We take no responsibility for their sentiments and do not agree to print any that may come in, whether they are signed or not.)

Boston, March 18, 1912.

Editor of THE TECH, Technology:

Dear Sir:—

A successful, loyal and far-sighted alumnus has recently called my attention by way of protest to your editorial on General Studies, which was published on Thursday, March 7th. I had not previously observed the editorial, perhaps for the reason that I was out of town on that and the following day.

Having now read the editorial, I want to express my accord with the alumnus' objection to the point of view of the editorial and also to state that it seems to me that Professor Bates has not put the side of General Studies nearly strong enough.

The profession of engineering demands creative minds cultivated to the sober sight which sees things as they are, and study of the physical sciences, mathematics and their applications taken alone are not adequate to these requirements. The sooner the young men who come to the engineering courses in Technology lose the idea that the specific studies which have become wrapped up in their own minds with the course which they have chosen to pursue are the studies of sole professional interest to them, the sooner will they begin to make progress toward the important attainment of their end, which is to become effective engineers. Not until they learn that the languages, history and the political sciences, which are collectively called in the catalogue General Studies, are of equal importance to them as professional men in the actual prosecution of their professional work, can they expect to effectively assimilate those things from the Institute which are likely to make them of the highest value to their profession and themselves.

However well a man gets the physical and mathematical sciences, he cannot make the most of his abilities as an engineer unless he also understands the human character and the trend of human progress. The study of historical, political science and language subjects is of importance in the engineering curriculum which rivals the importance of the natural sciences and mathematics. We need only to see that the mathematical and physical sciences, the historical and economical studies and the languages all make constituent parts of the curriculum that go hand in hand and are effectively taught by men of broad view and studied by enthusiastic students. With this assured, students and Faculty alike may join hands in the opinion that the engineering courses at the Institute will continue to produce the important results we all wish for them. To omit the General Studies would, in the opinion of most thoughtful men, be one of the greatest sacrifices of its educational effectiveness which Technology could make.

Respectfully yours,
Dugald C. Jackson.

LOWELL LECTURES.

The last lecture of the series on "The Personality of Napoleon" will be given by Dr. Rose this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The subject of this last lecture is "Napoleon in Exile." This course of lectures has proved very popular, and have drawn large audiences. The next course is to be given by Dr. Gilbert Murray on "The Form of Greek Tragedy."

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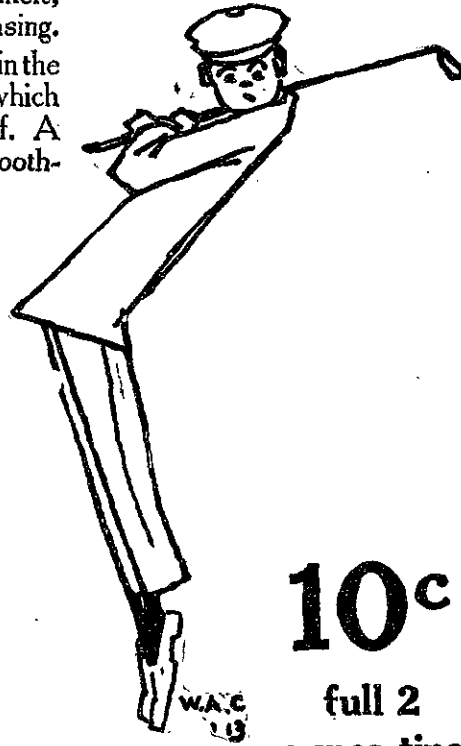
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Choice of Links Discussed But No Definite Decision Reached.

At a meeting of the Golf Club yesterday afternoon, W. T. Roberts was elected secretary-treasurer. It was also suggested that the president should nominate three men to act as a committee in charge of the tournaments and the handicaps to be given to various members of the club. The rest of the time was taken in discussing the possibilities of the members joining some other club until matters are straightened out and a regular team is organized.

The Allston club makes the following offer: The membership for the Tech club will be ten dollars, which is less than the Harvard men have to pay for the privilege of using the links. This fee includes the use of two tennis courts, and the bowling alleys. Lockers are rented for \$1, and accommodate two men each. The club would be privileged to play other teams at Allston, except on holidays, and to enter in the Allston Club Tournament. The excellent location and the well-kept grounds were also brought out as arguments in favor of the Allston links.

The other links to be considered are at Wollaston, and these are also kept in good condition by excellent ground-keepers. As the members could not decide definitely in favor of either club, the rest of the business was put off for the next meeting, which will be held within a week.

FIELD WORK STARTED.

Track Men Begin Active Training for Several Spring Meets.

An enthusiastic squad of track men came out to celebrate the opening of the Field for the Spring season on Monday. The track is in better condition than it has been for several years at this time, but the ground is still too soft for baseball practice. Now that the outdoor season has begun the track men will go through their stunts at the Field every day to get in training for the Spring events.

The first will be the inter-course cross-country run to be held on March 30th, followed by the Freshman-Sophomore meet on the sixth of April. After this will come the inter-class meet and a number of meets which have been arranged for the Freshmen and Sophomores with preparatory schools. Tech will meet Brown in a dual meet on May 4th.

One of the last of the Spring events in which Technology men will compete is the New England Intercollegiate meet on the eighteenth of May. The individual work of some of our men should secure us second position at least, although it will probably be a close run between Tech, Brown, Dartmouth and Williams.

NOTED ALUMNUS DIES.

News has just been received of the death of Roger P. Stebbins, a noted naval architect, who graduated from the Institute in 1905. Mr. Stebbins was born in Roslindale, September 30, 1884. He graduated from the West Roxbury High School in 1901, and entered the Institute the same Fall, where he completed the course in naval architecture. After graduating he was employed for several years by the Electric Boat Company of Quincy. His many friends will be grieved to hear of his death.

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early life may become, he cited a case where he had been called in as a last resort.

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He returned, however, a month later. A wordy conflict took place, with the same result. This was repeated on the third month. This man who had his early misdeed hanging over him appealed to a lawyer but obtained no results. Mr. Burns was consulted and he soon settled the affair.

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