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ORCHESTRA FACES A GREAT CRISIS

Plans Will Be Made Today
Which Will Decide Whether
It Continues.

There is to be a meeting of the Orchestra today in Eng. B, Room 11, at which every member must be present. It is to be a meeting of the very greatest importance, because it will decide whether the Orchestra will continue with its good work or perish completely.

At this meeting the constitution is to be read and the chief discussion will be in regard to the Orchestra's relation to the coming winter concert. Kebbon, Peck, Tarr, Chandler, Cary, Keith and others will talk in regard to the present stand of the Orchestra with respect to other activities of the Institute, and suggestions as regards improvements and putting it on a firm, perpetual basis will be made. The financial questions of the organization are to be brought up and at the end of the meeting Partridge will talk with the idea of bringing the men to a better understanding with the Musical Clubs.

The purpose of this meeting cannot be taken too lightly, and it is absolutely necessary that everyone in the Institute that has any interest in the future of the Orchestra be present. It will be a hard blow if the Orchestra, which has progressed so well up to this time, has to discontinue its work just because a few men who don't appreciate the crisis which is at hand fail to show up at this meeting.

CLASS BASKETBALL.

Sophomore Practice Begun—
Freshmen Will Start Soon.

Last Friday the Sophomores held their first regular basketball practice. Only six men were on the floor, and it is necessary that more should show up as the first regular game is less than a month off. If all the men who played on last year's Freshman team will come out there is no reason why Captain Comber should not be able to turn out a winning five. Practice will be held in the gymnasium Tuesdays, from 5 till 6, and on Thursdays, from 4 o'clock. Every Friday the team will have a short scrimmage with the varsity. It is hoped that a large number of men will show up this afternoon for work. The complete schedule of games will appear shortly in THE TECH.

A few Freshmen have been showing up for basketball practice the last few days, but no regular practice has started as yet. It is expected that as soon as the members of the Athletic Association are elected a formal call for candidates will be issued. As well as a schedule of games with neighboring High Schools, a regular series of three games is played with the Sophomores. It now remains with the Freshmen as to what kind of a five they can turn out.

Ranney will make a good goal tender if he could stop the easy shots as well as he did some of the hard ones. He should more than fill Bakewell's shoes.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY TO MEET THIS EVENING.

Course XI Petition to be Voted
on—Lecture on Asbestos
Board.

This evening the Chemical Society will hold its meeting in Room 22, Walker Building, and not, as was originally scheduled, in the Union.

One of the principal matters to come before the meeting at that time will be the petition which has been submitted by members of Course XI. Up to this time the Sanitary Engineers have had no society of their own, and, since their course is more or less closely allied with the courses in Civil and Chemical Engineering, and also with those in Chemistry and Biology, there has been considerable doubt as to which of the present societies the Sanitary Engineers might most properly be eligible. A petition has been recently submitted by members of this course for admission to the Chemical Society. The society will vote on this petition this evening.

When the business of the meeting has been concluded Professor Norton will give a lecture on "Some Refractory Substitutes for Wood," with special reference to asbestos board as such a substitute. Professor Norton has made a special study of asbestos. Some time ago this same lecture was given in Chipman Hall, and a few engineers who heard it then speak very highly of it.

At the end of the lecture refreshments will be served. The enthusiasm displayed at the meeting held last Wednesday evening promises well for tonight's lecture. Remember the place, 22 Walker, instead of the Union. You will have to pay a quarter to get in. Refreshments. Time, 7.30 o'clock.

E. H. S. MEN TO MEET.

Attempt to be Made to Reor-
ganize Alumni Club.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, a meeting of graduates of the English High School will take place in the Union promptly at 4 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to reorganize the E. H. S. Club. There are a number of men in the Institute who are anxious to see the club put onto its feet again, and there is no reason why this cannot be accomplished if the men would all turn out and support the club. Therefore it is necessary for everyone interested to be in the Union tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

JUNIOR CLASS MEETING.

Since the number of members of each class which constitutes the Athletic Association has been decreased from five to two, a meeting of the Class of 1913 will be held Thursday to decide whether a constitutional amendment shall be made which shall admit these men to the Executive Committee of the class. This meeting will be held at the close of the political economy lecture in Huntington Hall on Thursday. All members of the class must attend as it is a question of vital importance.

PROF. DESPRADALLE TELLS OF COPLEY SQ.

In an Interview He Advises
About Its Use—Deplores
Commercialism.

Mayor Fitzgerald recently has been seeking for a good use for that side of Copley Square opposite the new Copley Plaza. In particular he wanted suggestions from leading architects both in regard to the purpose and design of the buildings, in order that they might be in harmony with the square.

In an interview with Professor Despradalle of the Architecture Department yesterday on this subject he would make no definite statement of just what building should be placed there, but said that the style of architecture should comport with the dignity of the other important buildings. He deplored the fact that the square had not been started right, but said that in the absence of any strong traditions, such as exist in continental cities, the result was not so bad. He suggested that some structure such as an important theatre, or, as at one time had been planned, the city hall, might well be put there. Even a commercial building, if its style did not conflict with the nobility that should pervade the spot, would be advantageous.

For a city hall it would be nearly an ideal place, but as the intention (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2.)

BASKETBALL PRACTICE.

Varsity and Sophomore Teams
at Work in the Gym.

During the past week the Varsity basketball team has been getting in some good work. They have been having practice in shooting and passing as well as short scrimmages. On Friday a short practice game was held with the Sophomore team, in which every man was given a chance in the position he was trying for.

Schar has been playing a good floor game, but is not so good at shooting. In the guard position, Freedman is showing up well, playing a consistent game. Mowry is the stronghold of the team at center, getting in fine work at all times. Morse, a new man, is making good as a fast, steady player. At forward, McDonald is doing clever work, shooting baskets from all angles. In Metcalf and Ruoff, the team has two heavy men who are doing some good passing. Several of last year's squad are also showing up well, and Captain Schar has a bunch of good material to pick a first-class team from.

Yesterday afternoon the team held a good, snappy practice with a hard scrimmage at the end between two picked teams. T. B. Parker, captain of last year's five, was on hand to help the squad and played centre on one of the teams. Schatz and Samson, the two forwards on the same side, showed up well on the offence and did some good passing. The line-up of the two teams was as follows: Morse, r. b. l. f. McCarthy
Ruff, l. b. r. f. Schar
Parker, c. c. Mowry
Schatz, r. f. l. f. Freedman
Samson, l. f. r. f. Metcalf

COACH O'LEARY TALKS TO CREW CANDIDATES.

Three New Strokes to be Tried
Out to Facilitate
Selection.

Two dozen men responded to the first call for crew candidates and met in the Union yesterday. Manager Freeman first outlined the plans and prospects for the season, stating that there was a balance left in the treasury to start with. No schedule has yet been arranged, but it is said that Annapolis has Tech on their schedule, and Cornell will row Harvard at Boston, with prospects for a big regatta.

The Union Boat Club is interested in promoting rowing around Boston, so they will help as much as possible. Four rowing machines have been secured from Stone School and will be installed in the Gym tomorrow.

Coach O'Leary then addressed the men. He said that he wished to develop two or even three strokes, so that the best man could be picked for the position. A good stroke cannot be discovered at a glance, and the coach wants a good one, as good as Captain Gere, if possible. The crew hopes to get a house up stream so that rough water will not interfere with practice. Mr. O'Leary said that Yale has not anything on Tech for spirit, and that he expects to see a good crew developed.

Active practice will not start until after Christmas, but if any man wishes to get started he will find some one at the Gym to show him the proper use of the machines. The candidates are advised to get into good physical condition, but to avoid the use of horizontal bars. Everybody in the Institute is eligible, and it is hoped that anyone who has done any rowing at all will come out and make the Tech crew.

AMHERST'S HEAD RESIGNS.

Pres. Harris Asks to be Retired
At End of Year.

President George Harris, Amherst, '66, handed in his resignation last Thursday as president of Amherst College, a position which he has held for more than thirteen years. The Board of Trustees, after some discussion and many speeches of affection, regretfully accepted the resignation, which will go into effect next Commencement.

In presenting his resignation President Harris states that he fears his advanced age is impairing his ability to attend to his duties in the proper way. He expresses his deep appreciation to the Board of Trustees and the students for their co-operation.

CALENDAR.

Tuesday, November 21, 1911.

4.30—Orchestra—Union.
5.00—1914 Basketball—Gym.
7.30—Chemical Society—22 Walker.
4.30—Orchestra—Union. Important.

Wednesday, November 22, 1911.

4.15—Institute Committee Meeting—Union.
4.15—Gym Team—Gym.
4.00—English High School Club—Union.
5.00—Basketball—Gym.
7.30—Mining Society—Union.

Fate of Orchestra Decided--11 B. at 4.30

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IN CHARGE OF WEDNESDAY ISSUE.

Associates—Barratt, R. F., 1914; Goddell, E. B., Jr., 1915; Taylor, S. H., 1914.

The appearance of the notices posted on the bulletin boards in Rogers and the Union is abominable. The lettering and general appearance of the notices would not do credit to a primary school pupil, and there is certainly no excuse for men in a school where such a complete course in free-hand lettering is given to every member of the Freshman Class. If the activities cannot get posters that look fairly respectable let them advertise in some other manner, and above all, spell correctly, as it certainly looks bad to an outside person to see a class meeting notice posted with the word "Amendment" spelled with an "A."

Is the Gym team to die a natural death, in the same manner as the Fencing Team of a few years ago? The surprising lack of material reporting for positions on this year's team may make it necessary to discontinue this branch of athletics at the Institute. There must be enough good men in the Institute to make a strong Gym team, but they do not seem to have reported.

Several years ago the Fencing Team was in fine shape and runner-up in the Intercollegiate Championships; but as the members all graduated the same year, it was voted to abolish the team rather than have a mediocre one. Now, last spring the Basketball team was abolished for different reasons, however, and there won't be much left if the Gym Team is also left to fall by the wayside. Let all men who are interested in this form of work take this matter to heart and report to the Gym at the next practice and save one of the few branches of athletics that we now have left.

CORNELL MEN PROTEST.

The Cornell men are up in arms because the managers of the different teams receive the "C" which the men who do the actual work strive so hard to obtain by their conscientious work. This is a sad blow to the men who work so hard on the executive end.

Class basketball practice has begun. Are you out for your class team?

O. P. GIFFORD SPEAKS IN UNION THURSDAY.

"The City Without a Church" to be the Subject of Discourse.

For this week's meeting, at 1.30 o'clock, Thursday, in the Union, the T. C. A. has secured another man who is in great demand as a speaker. Dr. O. P. Gifford, pastor of the Brookline Baptist Church, has a great reputation as a maker of epigrams. He is a speaker of rare power, and will give the kind of practical talk that Tech men like. "The City Without a Church" is his subject.

Those who were at the meeting last Thursday heard the endorsement of Dr. Gifford given by President Murlin. On the way to the college building on Boylston street, after the meeting, Dr. Murlin told the secretary of the T. C. A. that if he could possibly get away from his office he should come over to the Union Thursday to hear Dr. Gifford. That recommendation, coming unsought from a man who has made good with a Tech crowd, ought to be enough to pack the Union to the doors this week.

All the men who speak at these meetings are delighted with their informality and their genuineness, and with the splendid reception they are given. Tech men may well feel proud of their association and feel that it is worthy of their hearty support, when busy men, with big reputations in the community, practically ask for an invitation to come again, as more than one of the speakers up to date has done. It should be remembered, too, that none of these men is paid a cent. They all come here because of their interest in the men, and because they recognize that the opportunity offered by the T. C. A. to meet a large crowd of students is an unusual one.

There were not "1000 men in the Union" last Thursday, but there were more men than ever before gathered for a like meeting in Tech. "Were you one of them?" is the question every man is asked now. If not, he should "be one this week." When it is remembered that in some colleges over 75 per cent. of the students attend the Christian Association meetings regularly, it will be seen that 1000 men, or 66 2-3 per cent. of the total number registered in the Institute, are not too many to ask for, especially as our talks are of a much more practical, more type than those given in many institutions. Besides, there is probably not another association in the country which is able to secure so many famous men as the T. C. A. All indications are that the goal will actually be reached before long.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

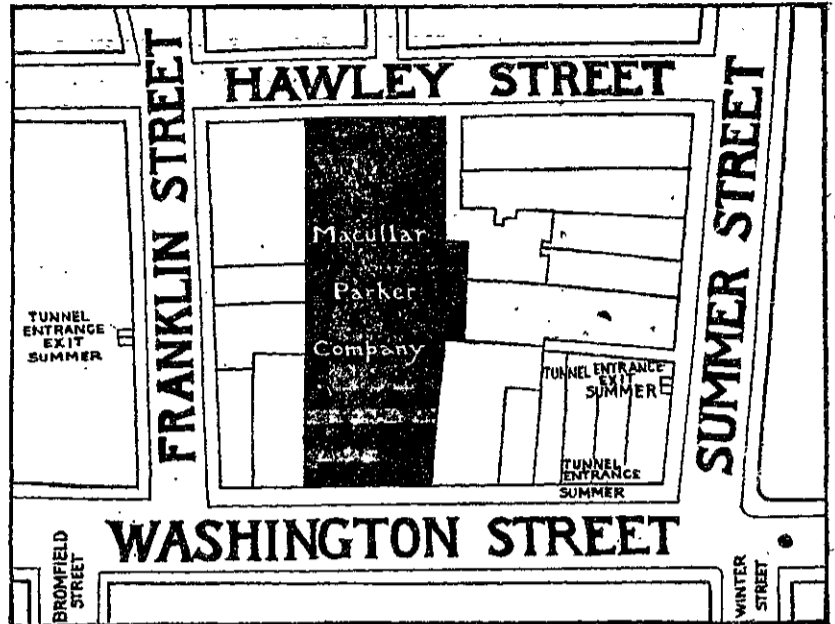
Since the very successful Chinese entertainment of the Cosmopolitan Club, November 18th, a considerable number of students and professors have made inquiries as to the qualifications for membership.

As stated before in these columns, the constitution provides for a membership of two-thirds foreign and one-third American. There is no initiation fee and the annual dues are \$3.00. Further information may be obtained from any of the National Chairmen or officers of the club, as below; D. G. Montt, President; Ewazo Suzuki, 1st Vice-President; Z. Y. Chow, 2nd Vice-President; Dean Burton, H. D. Kemp, J. H. Cadenas, Councillors; H. W. Hall, American; L. H. Lehmaier, British; Henri Lami, French; Ewazo Suzuki, Japan; Tarpin Tsi, China, and Manuel Hernandez, Latin America, Chairmen. There is plenty room for new members. Come in!

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A Tech Man's Comment.

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That the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

When our greatest English poet wrote his latest bright idea He little thought that parodies would spring up far and near—
That refutations, arguments would greet his simple tale—
How the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

But such is, and far and wide have risen arguments That seek to give the hoodoo to our poet's latest stunts.
Now the ladies are offended, so they claw him "tooth and nail,"
Since the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Now a certain lady writer, not so many weeks ago, And not so far from Boston, wrote a poem just to show
That our poet "laid the whiplash in the face of womankind,"
And his poem was the product of a "cringing," "venomed" mind.

And her poem, it was deadly, as you know, if you have read,
And I guess she thought she hit our poet promptly on the head,
For she showed that men are good for nothing—useful—not a bit,
And she used to good advantage all her satire and her wit.

But soon another tried it and his methods were more mild;
Hall Caine, he wrote a poem, and his theme was much less wild;
He praised the woman highly—gave her all that honor can;
He called her "angel," "helpmate,"—called her "mother of the man."

'Twas a single, simple poem that they've tried to disapprove,
And each has done his running in a very different groove.
We leave it to the reader—What's the moral of tale?
Is the female of the species much more deadly than the male?
Tenney L. Davis.

DESPRADELLE'S INTERVIEW

(Continued from Page 1.)

is to keep that where it is, such a building is out of the question. But the further development of the square offers great possibilities. As far as its present buildings go, Professor Despradelle again deplored its status. It was very unfortunate to permit the spirit of commercialism to invade the square as is to be done in the swell-front design of the new hotel. With plenty of land behind it, an open plot might well have been left in front, and it would have added much to the beauty of the square. "But there are not the traditions here that would prevent such despoilation,—the public sentiment is not strong enough." He closed by waxing enthusiastic over what the Institute could do on its new site. "Wait, and we will show you there what will be magnificent buildings."

Professor Despradelle's ideas are backed also by Professor Duquesne of Harvard, who in a recent interview said that the land was probably too valuable to be used for other than commercial purposes, but that a commercial building whose design harmonized with the square should prove satisfactory.

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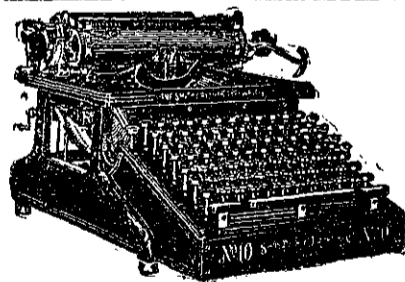
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