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## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF TECHNIQUE ELECTED

**H. R. Crowell Chosen—Has Been Prominent in Class Activities.**

At a meeting of the Technique Editorial Committee yesterday afternoon Harold Ryder Crowell was elected Editor-in-Chief of Technique, 1915. Crowell comes from Los Angeles, California, and was prominent in activities at the Los Angeles High School. He is Class Treasurer at present and represented his class on the Institute Committee last year. He was also a member of his class football team for two years and has been on the wrestling team the past two seasons, being the only man in the heavyweight class. Crowell is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

## COMMUNICATION.

### Editor-in-Chief of THE TECH:

Replying to the communication of Mr. D. W. Hughes, we want to remark that it is unfortunate that one who is so familiar with student activities, and who is so much alarmed at the extent of the powers it is proposed to give to the Institute Committee, has seen fit during the past six weeks, when criticisms and suggestions were earnestly solicited, to withhold his views.

It is outside his experience and evidently Mr. Hughes cannot imagine the case where the acts and policy of an activity, even temporarily, might be prejudiced to the best interests of the student body as a whole.

Suppose, for a moment, that the Technique Board decided to raise the price of their book to \$4. None could deny their right to do so, but every one will agree that the Institute Committee, in behalf of the student body, should at least investigate the matter. He overlooks the fact that every activity is, in the last analysis, conducted under the auspices of, and responsible to, the Student Body or its representatives.

In his second objection, Mr. Hughes implies that new powers are to be conferred upon the Institute Committee. If he will take the trouble to investigate he will find that such is not the case. Furthermore, he will discover that the policy of the Committee is consistently that of exercising supervision of certain student activities under written agreement, and only so far as the best interests of the student body as a whole are concerned. In many cases the heads of the activities have requested certain investigations and the approval of the Institute Committee in such matters as proposed undertakings and changes in policy; for instance, the General Manager of the Tech Show submitted the question of a trip to New York to the committee. Activities have found this to be good business policy, for the approval of the Institute Committee enlists, indeed it means, the support of the student body. The whole matter of supervision by the Institute Committee is not inquisitive, short-sighted, prying into the inside affairs of an activity, but an attempt to protect and enforce the interests of the student body.

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## OFFICE OF TREASURER OF THE TECH OPEN

**Position to Be Filled by Competition—All Juniors Eligible.**

Owing to the fact that the offices of Circulation Manager and Advertising Manager of THE TECH will be raised from Sophomore to Junior positions, the present incumbents will continue in office another year. There is no man eligible for election to the position of Treasurer.

Volume 32 closes Monday, April 1, and Volume 33 takes control of the organization. The vacancy of Treasurer will be filled by open competition. Any 1915 man is eligible. THE TECH expects all candidates to have had some previous business training, although not necessarily in newspaper work. The man chosen in this competition will have co-ordinate powers with the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor and Circulation and Advertising Managers, and will choose suitable assistants who will succeed him in office. The work of the Treasurer will consist of such matters as keeping all TECH monies, writing checks, keeping the books of THE TECH, and having charge of the Collection Department. This position carries nine points. An examination in the elements of bookkeeping and business principles will be held in the upper office of THE TECH Saturday, March 29 at 2 o'clock. The successful candidate will hold office from April 1, 1913, until April 1, 1914, these being the dates of the beginning and ending of Volume 33.

## BIG EXPLOSION.

**Bomb of Sodium Sulphide Blows Up Mining Laboratory.**

People in the vicinity of Rogers Building were much startled yesterday by hearing an explosion. Students on their way to recitations looked with one accord towards the subway construction, expecting to see it in the air. Instead, they saw a cloud of white smoke coming from the windows of the Mining Engineering Laboratory in the basement of Rogers.

The explosion was caused by the blowing up of an iron bomb, in which C. L. Burdick, a fourth-year man, who is working on a thesis, was trying to make anhydrous sodium sulphide. He requires the anhydrous sulphide in the work which he is carrying on, and as it is not to be obtained in that form on the market, decided to make some himself. The force of the explosion was so great that it blew out the glass in the double window nearest the sink in the laboratory, tore off a faucet from the water pipe, and broke a soapstone sink into pieces. Happily no one was injured. Professor Hayward, however, narrowly escaped being hit with a piece of the bomb which pursued him as he fled from the room.

This is the second explosion that Burdick has had while at work on the thesis. Last week a bomb of slightly different construction blew up, taking the roof of the furnace along with it and scattering sparks about the room. At that time Professor Hayward was

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## T. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED

**Conflicts With Chemical Society Meeting and Junior Class Smoker.**

On account of Saturday being the last day on which students deficient during the first term are permitted to make up grades of "D," and because the Junior Class Smoker and the Chemical Society's meeting come at this time, the date of the Technology Christian Association's special entertainment for its members has been changed. Tonight was the time originally set, and it was due to the fact that many expressed their inability to attend that it was considered advisable to postpone the affair. An important business meeting will be held, however, promptly at 5.15 in the Union. The treasurer's report, a discussion of the T. C. A.'s needs at the new Technology, and other business will be considered and a large attendance is urged.

The members of the Association may get their ballots at any time during the day. Donald des Granges, IV, 1914, has been nominated for the office of president. The candidates for the office of vice-president are Charles G. Norton, II, 1915; Guernsey A. Palmer, II, 1915; and Charles P. Wallis, 1916. For treasurer, Ralph H. Howes, X, 1914, is a candidate. As usual, on the Australian ballot, it is possible for the voter to write on the ballot the name of any other candidate he chooses. Farmer and Norton have been active in Bible study work this year and Howes is at present a member of the finance committee of the T. C. A.

## CERCLE FRANCAIS.

**Interesting Meeting Is Held in Spite of Small Attendance.**

On account of the fact that the date of the meeting of the Cercle Francais was postponed to Thursday, several members were unable to attend the meeting held yesterday afternoon in Room 29, Lowell. The club is at present reading a French play, but due to the absence of several men who have parts in the play the reading was postponed. Nevertheless a very pleasant hour was spent.

J. Fabri read an interesting summary of the first part of the play, and R. Alvaron read a sketch of the life of Paileron, the author of "Le Monde ou l'on S'Ennuie," which the society is reading.

Fortunately, a number of copies of the French daily paper, "Le Matin," arrived, and the various members present read aloud current accounts of interest. Arrangements will be

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## SHOW REHEARSAL.

At the rehearsal of the Tech Show men, which will be held in the usual place this afternoon, Mrs. Adams will instruct the chorus and the pony ballet in dancing. Mr. McConathy will also conduct a music rehearsal of the cast and chorus. It is essential that every man be in his place on time so that the rehearsals may take place promptly.

## JUNIORS HOLD VERY ENJOYABLE SMOKER

**Elaborate Programme Pleases the Large and Enthusiastic Audience.**

Last night the Junior Class held one of the most successful smokers that the Institute has ever seen. By eight o'clock over two-thirds of the class had assembled in the Union. The first number of the evening was a selection by three of the members of the Mandolin Club, Messrs. Taylor, Alton, and Katz. After the encore Mr. W. T. Wyman, the president of the class, told how this smoker was intended to get the class together, that the men were divided into groups by courses and that class unity was lost sight of. All the officers of the class were present and told about the plan for June.

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## TECHNIQUE RUSH.

**To Be Held in Rear of Copley-Plaza—Edition Selling Fast.**

Following their policy of introducing innovations wherever they are advantageous, the Technique Board has already begun to make definite plans with regard to the annual Technique Rush. Although the usual plan of passing out the books through a small window in the building erected for the purpose will be adhered to, other barriers will be supplied in order to make the Rush a contest in which more men may take part. Through the kindness of the Copley-Plaza Hotel management it will be possible to hold the Rush on the land directly in the rear of this hotel.

"Sign-Ups" for the book have been coming in rapidly the last few weeks. Seven hundred men have signed up to date, and on account of the limited edition the Board will be unable to allow more than one hundred additional men to sign up. It is now too late to increase the size of the edition, therefore all men who intend to purchase the book, and have not yet signified, should do so at an early date before the entire edition is sold out.

Men can sign up with "Ed" at the Cage until the edition is exhausted. Watch THE TECH for new Rush plans.

## WEATHER.

Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Friday, fair, colder; high south to west winds.

## CALENDAR.

Friday, March 28, 1913.

1.00—Freshman Governing Board—21 Rogers.  
4.00—Freshman Baseball Practice—Field.  
4.10—M. E. Society Meeting—11 Eng. B.  
5.15—T. C. A. Business Meeting and Elections.  
7.45—Chemical Society Meeting—Union.

Saturday, March 29, 1913.

2.01—Inter-Course Hare and Hounds—Trinity Place.  
2.00—Newly Elected Tech Show Light Men—Rehearsal—Union.

# Everyone Buys a Tag

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1913

Today heralds in a school era of unusual significance to us Technology men. The occasion, as everybody knows, is Tag Day, the proceeds of which are to go to the upholding and maintenance of athletics. Have you realized thoroughly the basic principles which underlie this step, have you thought out absolutely the whys and wherefores of this scheme? If you haven't, a few ideas here may do no harm.

Formerly there was a time when Technology men had track teams which held pride of place and competed on an equal footing with the larger colleges of the country. Why are we not in the same condition today? There can be but one answer—an insufficiency of support on the part of the Undergraduate body and naturally a corresponding aversion to support from the Corporation. Athletics need not only personal aid by attendance at practice and competitions but also financial aid.

If we as men, and undergraduates attending Technology, do not support our own activities how can we reasonably expect the aid of the Corporation? Institute men have shown their public spirit by rushing to aid THE TECH and by conscientiously backing the present Institute Committee. Let this then be such another occasion for us to show our belief in Technology by investing in as many tags as possible, and showing, not only by word but also by deed that, after all, there is no place like the dear old Institute.

Finally, let us remember that in a few short years we are to enter our splendid and spacious new Technology and that now is the time to assure our belief in activities and implant the seeds of a spirit which will flower till eternity. Then, this is not an appeal; it is an abjuration, a statement of plain fact; let us all get busy then, support the Tag Day, and close the day with the germ of a new spirit within us and a belief in our own powers of aiding this wonderful school.

## DANCE AND WHIST.

An entertainment will be given on Saturday, March 20, in Copley Hall by the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Club of Boston. The entertainment will consist of dancing, whist, and refreshments. Tickets are one dollar each, and may be obtained at the door, or of Mrs. John Reed, 39 Rindge avenue, Cambridge.

## SENIOR CLASS DAY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Class Day Exercise, Dance and Dinner Committees Chosen.

The Senior Class Day Committee has made preliminary arrangements concerning "Class Day." The following committees were appointed to take entire charge of Graduation Week: Class Day Exercise Committee—L. C. Hart, chairman; E. W. Brewster, L. H. Lehmaier, W. N. Holmes, F. G. Murdock.

Dance Committee—R. B. Nichols, chairman; R. B. Haynes, E. L. Macdonald, M. E. Langley, R. C. Thompson, G. R. Thayer.

Printing and Engraving Committee—J. J. Strachan, H. M. Rand, C. W. Brett.

Dinner Committee—A. G. Ranney, chairman; A. F. Brewer.  
Baccalaureate Sermon—C. W. Brett.

## COMMUNICATION.

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As to representation, we have admitted that it is not all that is to be desired, but Tech is not Utopia, and it would be foolish to try to establish an ideal representation. Our worst foe has been indifference and the large representation is aimed to combat it. We are not increasing the membership in this Constitution, and we hope that the student body will avail itself of the referendum to make such changes as it desires. Mr. Hughes refers to a committee which has but four members and handles no money. We suppose he refers to the Committee representing the Union, whose membership is something over 1600. We venture to say that the majority of this large number is proud of its membership in the Union even if it is free and its Committee handles no money, and we certainly know no grounds upon which to refuse their representation.

Very respectfully,  
Com. on Const. and By-Laws,  
Per F. D. Murdock.

## CERCLE FRANCAIS.

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made so that copies of this paper can be obtained from the General Library where they will be kept.

The next meeting of the Cercle Francais will be held next Thursday, and it is hoped that all the members will be able to attend so that the reading can be continued.

## GOLF CLUB MEETING.

Because of a misunderstanding the place of meeting of the Golf Club was announced as the Union instead of 21 Rogers, where the officers had decided to have the club convene. For this reason the first meeting of the year of this club has been postponed to Wednesday, April 2, at 1 P. M., in 21 Rogers.

## THE TECH BANQUET.

Next Tuesday all the men on THE TECH are to meet in the Union for their annual banquet, which marks the conclusion of the work of this year's Board. The out-going Board will act as hosts. At the banquet the names of the men who compose the next Board will be announced, and the new men will assume charge of the paper. If you are connected with THE TECH keep this date open.

## UNSOLD TAGS.

All unsold tags must be returned to THE TECH office not later than 1 P. M. today. This is imperative.

Those tags are going fast. Better get another one.

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**T. C. A. Speaker Says Religion Is Necessary to Progress.**

Yesterday's T. C. A. talk was given by Rev. James A. Francis, D. D., pastor of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church. The talk, which was on the subject of "The Real Dynamic Behind Civic Betterment," dealt with an important phase of modern civic reform work.

Dr. Francis spoke first of a man's various relations to life. One of the most important is the relation to one's fellow-man, as the happiness and progress of the world depend largely upon the consideration shown by each man for his neighbor. In these days many good people are turning their attention to bettering civic conditions, to securing cleaner city government, to caring for the poor and to reducing unemployment, but they are not, according to Dr. Francis, all actuated by the same motive. All are attempting to improve the condition of their fellow-men, but some have only that ideal, while others look farther and see the religious side of the work.

Dr. Francis contends that the latter class is the more successful. He says that people who have only enthusiasm for helping mankind are likely to lose interest after a time, and finally become cynical and give up. On the other hand, men who are inspired with true religious feeling prove to be the best instruments for human progress. In all attempts to improve the world a high spiritual ideal is necessary, hence religion is the "real dynamic behind civic betterment."

Institute men are earnestly advised by Dr. Francis to "Be Idealists." He says that no one who wishes to get the best out of life, to serve his fellow-men and to reap the greatest portion of happiness, can afford to neglect the spiritual side of his nature. Tech men are studying for the engineering profession, and so are obliged to concern themselves with material things, but they should not forget that material things are not all. The Doctor admits that the studies of an engineering course are of great importance, but he says that this world is, after all, spiritual, and that a thinking man should never lose sight of this fact.

**JUNIOR SMOKER.**

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Week. A. C. Dorrance, Editor-in-chief of Technique, announced that several innovations had been made in this year's issue. The book is to be larger this year than ever before, besides which two or three new departments have been added. The Technique Rush is to be slightly changed by the addition of more barriers, in order to give more men a show.

Mr. S. H. Taylor sang two solos and is called back for an encore each time by the enthusiastic audience. E. Crowell, treasurer of the Junior Prom Committee, announced that the patrons for the Prom would be Mrs. Richard C. MacLaurin, Mrs. Chas. A. one, Mrs. J. W. Rollins, and Mrs. O. Wigglesworth. Mr. J. G. Jerome, as "Ragtime Jerry," next rendered a continuous stream of ragtime on the piano which made every one want to clap and shake their feet. The manager of the Tech Show, Chas. P. Fiske, gave a general idea of what the Show is to be like. The play is written by Edgar Menderson and John M. Hastings, both of whom are Seniors and busy with every day life. The scene is laid in a fraternity house and many interesting complications arise. The inter-classmen are expected to attend the afternoon performance since the main performance is for the Alumni. Other selection was given by four members of the Mandolin Club, and for an encore they gave an imita-

**TALK ON PROBLEMS OF PAPER MILL CHEMIST**

**Mr. Carruth Will Speak to Chemical Society in Union Tonight.**

This evening Mr. H. P. Carruth of the American Paper Company, will address the Chemical Society on "The Problems of a Paper Mill Chemist," in the Union, at 7.45. Mr. Carruth now holds the position of head chemist of the big American Paper Company mill at Holyoke, and his knowledge of the subject on which he is to talk is, perhaps, as good as that of any man in this country.

Mr. Carruth is known as an interesting speaker and he should be able to present his facts to the society in such an able way that all who hear him will carry away a clear idea of paper mill problems. The change of time of the T. C. A. social, which was to come tonight, will enable many men to attend who, perhaps, felt unable to do so before.

At this meeting also the committee on the revision of the constitution will probably make its final report. At present several important changes have been recommended, but they have not yet met with the approval of the society. These are that the dues be raised to one dollar, that nominations be made by petition signed by ten members, that regular business meetings be held, and that Associate membership be abolished.

**BIG EXPLOSION.**

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covered with the hot sodium sulphide, but fortunately none went on his face.

This time the possibility of another explosion was not overlooked, so when the bomb was put in the fire all the men in the laboratory sought safety by getting behind the concrete posts to watch what would happen. While the bomb was in the furnace, however, everything went along smoothly, and after twenty minutes of suspense it was decided to transfer it to the sink, where it could be cooled down. Professor Hayward and Burdick put a rod through the pail, jugged it over to the sink, and then both turned to do something else when, before either had got more than two or three steps away, the explosion came.

In view of the misfortunes which have occurred thus far, both Burdick and Professor Hayward have about decided to abandon the attempt which they have been making to produce Sodium Sulphide from metallic Sodium and Sulphur in an atmosphere of Nitrogen.

The fact that the alleyway was closed, a "Danger—Walls Unsafe" sign posted, and a corner of the walls gone didn't phase the Freshmen returning from Drill who wished to use the passageway behind the ruins of the old Posse Gym and the Mechanical Labs.

tion of the bagpipe, which was so realistic that it caused great merriment in the audience. R. S. Rankin, the leader of the Tech Musical Clubs, said that the Spring Concert was sure to be a great success this year since all the officers of the various musical clubs are Juniors.

Mr. Frank Yeh and a friend of his were next on the programme and proceeded to mystify the audience with some of the most bewildering sleight-of-hand performances imaginable. The things they took out of Horace Lawrence's hat were most astonishing, consisting of a dozen or so small boxes of candy, one or two stockings, a nice looking crocheted affair, and several other interesting articles. T. H. Guething told of the financial condition of Tech athletics and the purpose of Tag Day. The evening was closed with the singing of the Stein Song and the M. I. T. yell with three '14's.

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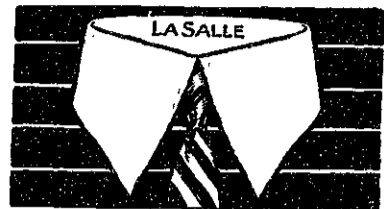
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