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PRICE TWO CENTS

DR. FORBES GIVES TALK TO BIOLOGICALS

He Tells of the Influence of Heredity on Human Existence.

The Biological Society held its second meeting yesterday afternoon in Eng. B. Twenty men were present to hear Dr. Alexander Forbes talk informally on the relation of the medical man to public health work. Dr. Forbes is a graduate of Harvard University and the Harvard Medical School. He has recently been in Liverpool working on the problem of nerve reactions.

The speaker treated that phase of public health work which is connected with evolution. He said that animals get along without medical help, while the present-day human being is dependent upon medicine for the power to keep his place in the struggle for existence.

He said that the power of a race of animals to survive is due to natural selection, which is based on an excess production and a constant struggle for existence which weeds out the unfit. He said that there are three ways in which the human race has departed from the mode of life peculiar to animals. The first is that the body has lost the power of regrowing parts that it loses. The second departure is due to the segregation of men in cities, and the great development of bacteria. Public health work is directly concerned with fighting this problem. The third departure is the interference with natural selection which the charitable instincts of the race have gradually brought into existence. We support the feeble and the misfits of the race in institutions, and allow them to marry. As a result the race is in danger of degeneration. The Greeks tried to attack this problem by having the State destroy the undesirables and regulate marriage, but the community would not accept this task. The best men went to the wars, while the unfit stayed at home and brought up children.

Dr. Forbes said that great caution should be used in applying to this problem any remedy. He cited the

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CLASS HISTORIES.

Technique Opens Competition to All Institute Men.

Following the usual custom, Technique, 1914, will award the writers of the four class histories with de luxe copies of the book when it is published next April. The competition for these histories is open to all students of the Institute, each competitor being allowed to present as many histories as he sees fit. These need not necessarily be the history of his own class, although this is preferable, since his greater familiarity with his own classmates gives opportunity for displaying wit and originality to better advantage.

All competitors must hand in their copy before December 1st, either at the Technique office in the Union, or to H. L. Stone, class history editor.

Any one desiring further information will find the editor of this department in the Technique office between 4 and 5 P. M. on Thursdays.

MATTSON PRESIDENT OF SENIOR CLASS

Presidency Closely Contested—Peck and Murdock on Institute Committee.

At the Senior Dinner, last night, the results of the 1913 Class election were announced. The following is a summary of the votes which each candidate obtained:

W. R. Mattson was elected President, having 66 votes. L. C. Hart got 64 votes, and L. H. Lehmaier got 39.

A. G. Ranney is Vice-President, with 87 votes. R. B. Nichols obtained 45, and A. W. Carpenter got 36.

E. L. MacDonald is the new Treasurer, with 74 votes. R. D. Bonney got 54, and P. C. Warner got 34.

J. J. Strachan is Secretary, with 75 votes. H. O. Glidden got 59, and E. E. Corbett got 31.

J. G. Russell is the new Clerk, with 68 votes. G. T. Lane obtained 55, and K. B. Blake obtained 39.

H. D. Peck, with 131 votes, and F. D. Murdock, with 91, are the class representatives to the Institute Committee. E. W. Brewster got 68 votes, and A. F. Brewer got 42.

R. C. Thompson, with 187, and W. R. Byland, with 120 votes, are on the M. I. T. A. W. F. Herbert got 68 votes.

G. R. Thayer, with 136 votes, and M. L. Waterman, with 121, are the members of the Executive Committee. R. B. Cross got 61 votes.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

Final Selection of Ten Men Made After Trials Yesterday.

The final time trial and selection for the cross-country team was held yesterday afternoon over the Technology course. Sixteen men ran, the first ten men to finish making the team. H. S. Benson, '16, finished first, and A. F. Nye crossed the line about twenty-five yards behind.

Coach Kanaly did not give out the times, but said they were very satisfactory, and he hopes to turn out a winning bunch of runners for both the N. E. J. A. A. and I. C. A. A. A. races. The runners were fairly well bunched when they came on the field, and there were ten men on the track before Benson finished. Nineteen-Thirteen has two men on the team; Fourteen has three; the Sophomores three, and the Freshmen two.

The following is the order of finish: H. S. Benson, '16; A. F. Nye, '14; M. E. Hill, '15; R. D. Bonney, '13; R. Palmer, '13; E. J. Wall, '15; C. T. Guething, '16; C. H. Wilkins, '14; C. S. Lee, '14; S. W. Guernsey, '15; C. M. Lovell, '15; E. MacDonald, '13; R. H. White, '16; L. Best, '15; A. S. Holway, '14, and E. M. Loveland, '15.

BROWN RACE OFF.

The cross-country race which was scheduled for November 8, Field Day, with Brown, has been indefinitely postponed. This decision was reached yesterday afternoon, after a conference between Manager White of the Institute track team, and Manager Robinson and Captain Taber of the Brown team. The reason for this decision is that the arrangements under which last year's race was run could not be made for this year.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB TO MEET TOMORROW NOON

James B. Connelly Will Give Talk on the Progressive Party.

Friday noon, in the Union, at 1.30 o'clock, Mr. James B. Connelly, an eminent author and speaker, will address all students in the Progressive movement. His theme will be "The Progressive Party." The Progressive Club has secured a man who, besides his political renown, is known throughout the country as a writer of sea stories, having contributed many articles to Scribner's and other prominent magazines. He is a candidate for Congress on the Progressive ticket from the 12th Congressional district, and is opposed by Mr. Curley.

Mr. Connelly has had wide experience in many fields, having been at various times engaged in nearly all walks of life in order to acquire material for his stories and to gain an insight into human nature.

From 1891 to 1892 he held a responsible position in the United States engineering office in Savannah, Georgia, during which time he acquired considerable prominence as an athlete, not only in the surrounding country, but also in the New England States, winning the amateur hop-step-and-jump championship of America under the colors of the Trimont Athletic Club of South Boston. Mr. Connelly continued in government work until 1895, when he undertook work in the Engineering School of Harvard University. It was during his sojourn as a student that he won the Olympia Championship at Athens.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in 1898, Mr. Connelly enlisted in the volunteers and served with distinction during the campaign with the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry, being several times commended for his bravery in action by the commander of his regiment. After the close of the war Mr. Connelly spent several years in studying the immigration question, traveling often in the steerage in order to gain an insight into the true conditions which existed on board the trans-Atlantic steamers. During the following year Mr. Connelly carried out various special commissions for different magazines, and in 1908 made the trip around the world with the American fleet by special order of the government. Since that time Mr. Connelly has been engaged in work of various natures, but generally in the field of special investigation of economic conditions.

BUILDING FUND.

Between \$500,000 and \$700,000 was recently added to the Institute Building fund by the sale of the estate of the late Mrs. William Barton Rogers at Newport. The estate was known as "Morningside Villa," and consisted of a house, stable and several hundred acres of land.

COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS.

Through the courtesy of THE TECH, copies of a number of the leading college publications are now on the files in the Union, and new issues will be added daily as they are received.

SENIOR DINNER IS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Four Speakers Entertain the Men With Instructive and Witty Talks.

The Senior Class Dinner, held yesterday evening, was a rousing success from start to finish. The President-elect acted as toastmaster. After a short speech, in which he highly complimented his fellow officers, he introduced the Dean as the man who is called on at all occasions to make the first speech, break the ice, and start things off right.

The Dean's speech was in his most genial vein. He began by recalling the class as he saw it four years ago, and declared that it had increased in size since then, but appeared more serious and solemn on the earlier occasion. He said he was going to give the men some good advice, as he considered that a professor, who is the only being who never really grows up, is best fitted to advise young men. He warned the Seniors against regarding their graduation as an accomplishment or culmination, instead of as a preparation for life work. He emphasized the importance of making work itself the chief consideration; not the pay, or the locality, but the opportunity to make good, and that one should be willing to go anywhere or put up with any circumstances in order to get

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W. B. SNOW TO SPEAK.

Tech Graduate to Address T. C. A. This Noon in Union.

This noon, in the Union, Mr. Walter B. Snow will speak on "Making Tech Spirit Count." This will be the usual Thursday noon T. C. A. talk. Mr. Snow is an old M. I. T. man, having received his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1882. His offices are now located at 170 Summer street. Mr. Snow is also a firm member of the Corporation Board, and holds various other positions in the Institute, besides being chairman of the Advisory Committee of the T. C. A. Mr. Snow has been one of the main supporters of this organization, and since its founding has done much to help it. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Committee for the Blind.

WEATHER.

Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair and colder with moderate westerly winds.

CALENDAR.

Thursday, October 31, 1912.
5.00—Banjo Club Rehearsal—Union.
8.00—Sir William Ramsay—Gases of the Atmosphere—Huntington Hall.
Friday, November 1, 1912.
1.00—Freshman Meeting—Huntington Hall.
1.30—Progressive Club Meeting and Rally—Union.
Saturday, November 2, 1912.
7.30—Progressive Club Forms for Parade—Copley Square.
8.00—Wilson Club Parade.
8.00—New England Wireless Association—23 Walker.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1912

It is indeed very strange that many of the undergraduates find it difficult to abide by the rulings of the Institute Committee. There is at present a glaring example of this condition, in the fact that the results of the 1915 ballot have not been posted, although the successful candidates were announced Monday of this week. These are matters which are of great importance in the Institute undergraduate life and should not, under any conditions, be overlooked or neglected.

The Institute Committee is purely a representative student body, and is at all times seeking to better student life. Its members work earnestly to bring about the results which they consider the best from every point of view, and are keeping alive to the student needs at all times during the year. Is it not possible for us to give at least our hearty co-operation in every way and make every effort to give this committee our staunch support?

We sincerely hope the ballot results in question will be posted at once, and that there will be no more evidences of such gross neglect.

EDITORIAL CONTEST.

Subject for Friday, "The Cultural Possibilities of Boston."

The subject for the next editorial in the Phi Delta Epsilon editorial writers' contest will be "The Cultural Possibilities of Boston." This editorial will be due Friday night at 5 o'clock. Following are the rules of the contest:

1. All editorials must have the name, class and address of its writer on each page.

2. Each editorial must be addressed to Phi Delta Epsilon. Contest Committee and left at the Cage or in the upper TECH office by 5 o'clock of the day on which it is due.

3. Each contestant must have written on at least seventy-five per cent. of the subjects to qualify, and more credit will be allowed the contestant who writes on all subjects.

4. Contestants shall use their own judgment as to style and way of handling each subject, but shall refer to the editorial columns of THE TECH for the proper length.

5. Two subjects will be given out weekly during the first period of the contest, the first of which will be due on Tuesdays, and the second on Fridays. The subject for the editorial due on Tuesday will be published Saturday, and the second on Wednesday.

6. The information upon which editorials are based may be obtained from any source.

7. The manuscript of the editorials must be neat and present a good appearance.

COLLEGE MEN IN BIG TORCHLIGHT PARADE

Progressive Club to Have Many Members in Demonstration Saturday Night.

Next Saturday evening a monster demonstration and torchlight parade will be participated in by all people interested in the Progressive Party. The college contingent will include hundreds of undergraduates from Tech, Amherst, Harvard, Massachusetts Agricultural College, the Boston University Schools of Law, Theology and Liberal Arts, Tufts, Clark and Worcester Polytechnical Institute, and it will meet at 7.30 sharp in Copley Square. The various clubs will supply all flags, signs and transparencies free, the only expense being for torches, at 20 cents each, for those who wish them. It is expected that over 10,000 men and women will join in this monster parade, which will be accompanied by ten brass bands.

The Progressive Party of Boston has secured the Boston Common for that night, and the parade, after forming, will proceed to this place, where the members of the State ticket will speak; and also many men of national prominence. After the speeches a monster demonstration in behalf of the Progressive Party will take place.

The Progressive Club of M. I. T. desires that every man interested in the movement turn out. It is also requested that those who intend to participate in the parade leave their names with Sandberg, '13, chairman of the Committee on Parade.

SENIOR DINNER.

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The president then introduced Mr. Bloomfield, who has just returned from a trip on which he has made a study of the educational work of the Department of the Interior. He gave a talk of vital interest to Tech men on the subject of the importance of being able to manage men, to understand them, and so get the most out of them and minimize the danger of trouble with them. He said that, to his knowledge, a large per cent. of the labor troubles of the country are brought on by mismanagement. Apropos of this, he emphasized the importance of keeping in touch with what men are thinking of in the line of social legislation and social service.

The toastmaster then introduced Professor Walker. His subject was the things Tech men have to be happy over. He mentioned the new site, the very prosperous condition of the Institute and of the increased opportunities in the country generally.

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GLEE CLUB HAS TRIALS.

About Thirty Men Out But More Bases and Tenors Needed.

About thirty-five men turned out for the Glee Club trials at the Union yesterday afternoon. Among those who tried out only about half were of a high enough caliber to make the club, so the officers say that they wish to see double that number out at the next rehearsal, which will be held a week from today, November 7. Any new men who apply at this time will be given a chance to show what they can do. The club will have as coach P. Hunt, of the New England Conservatory of Music, under whose direction anybody who has a fairly good voice already ought to be able to have it trained so as to become an efficient member of the club. Men are needed, especially those who sing second bass or first tenor, and there are also good chances to sing in the other parts. The officers say that there is a great deal of pleasure to be derived from the work and the trips that are made.

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Description of Argon
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Tonight comes the fourth of the Lowell Institute lectures on "The Discovery of the Gases of the Atmosphere." In this lecture Sir William Ramsay will take up the discussion of those important properties of argon which he did not treat in the last lecture, and then he will probably talk about the other gases of the atmosphere which belong to the same family as argon. The treatment of the properties and occurrence of these elements will take up the time of this lecture and the greater part of the lecture Monday.

Today there will probably be shown the spectra of these rarer gases of the atmosphere, which indeed are best identified through the characteristic wave-lengths of their light. With the discussion of helium will come some sort of mention of radium, and since Sir William Ramsay has been prominently identified with discoveries made about the nature of this element, his statements about it will have great value.

Sir William Ramsay has been accompanied by Lady Ramsay. Their stay in Boston will terminate as soon as the lectures are completed, and they will go directly back to England. Between the lectures Sir William Ramsay has a multitude of opportunities to address large gatherings of men interested in science, but he has only accepted a few invitations.

BIOLOGICALS MEET.

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case of the child labor laws, which have had the unexpected result of increasing the death rate of children of the working classes, for these children are no longer given the care that they needed when they were bread-earners. He suggested that any treatment should go to the root of the evil, and not merely obliterate its symptoms. He said that preventative public health work was of greater value for the race than any amount of individual medical treatment might be.

In regard to the science of eugenics, he said that part of the plan was intensely practical, but that there were some features in the proposals that it might be objected to. The preventing of the marriage of the defective class met with his approval, but he advanced reasons why the regulation of marriage to make it conform to the latest theories on evolution was impracticable.

The next meeting of the society will be a week from today.

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SENIOR DINNER.

He spoke of the tremendous significance of the sudden development in all lines of research, mentioning in particular the demand this created for the services of technically trained men, such as graduates of the Institute. His talk was at once interesting, instructive and amusing.

Mr. Homer Albers, the next speaker, produced roars of laughter by his many humorous stories and his inimitable way of telling them. When the whole audience was suffering from aching sides he narrated his experiences on a recent trip through Italy, Austria and the Balkans. He told many interesting facts about the customs and characteristics of the people. He saw, incidentally, the military preparations for the present war, and learned that Russia was financing and indirectly managing the affair. He closed with the unjustifiable statement that the best of his speech was to follow,—the end.

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GLEE CLUB TRIALS will be held Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 4.30 to 5.30, in the Union.

LOST—On Boylston street, about 5.30 P. M., Oct. 22, a 10-inch Kand E slide rule and case. Reward if returned to F. G. Perry, 28A Lowell Bldg.

1913 Class ballots may be obtained at the Cage. They are due at 4 P. M. Wednesday, October 30.

1913 ELECTIVE COMMITTEE. (19-St)

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LOST—One 10-inch slide rule and case. Please return to TECH office and receive reward.—E. W. Brewster. '13. (26-3t)

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FACULTY NOTICE.

Third Year—Elements of Electrical Engineering—Change of Recitation Hour.

Section F will change from Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, to Wednesday, at 9, to recite in Room 20, Engineering B. WALTER HUMPHREYS, Registrar.

FOUND—A slide rule. Owner call and identify it at THE TECH office. (11-1f)

NEXT SATURDAY, NOV. 2, is Emerson Night at Champagne's All-College Dancing Parties, 44 St. Botolph street. All Tech men and their ladies are cordially invited. FREE PUNCH.

(Tues. Oct 29-Friday, Nov. 1)

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FACULTY NOTICE.

Candidates for Graduation.

October 28, 1912.

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The lectures in Precision of Measurements for entering College Students will be held on Mondays and Fridays at 4 P. M. in Room 23, Walker Building, during the first five weeks. (8-1f) H. M. GOODWIN.

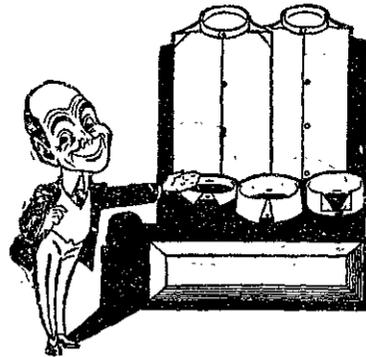
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