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## THE HOCKEY TEAM LEAVES ON TRIP

Plays Williams at Williamstown  
—Game With Amherst in  
Doubt.

Our hockey team leaves this morning for Williamstown, where it will play Williams. It is awaiting word from Amherst of a game with the Amherst Aggies that is in doubt on account of financial difficulties of the Aggies. A third game, which was to have been played with Harvard, has been postponed until some future date, because Harvard has to play off a tie with Princeton. From the good showing which the team made on its last trip there seems to be good prospects for this one. The probable lineup is as follows: Ranney, g.; Eichorn, p.; Foote, c. p.; Hurlbutt, r.; Fletcher, r. w.; Fletcher, McLeod, l. w.

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir:—In replying to the communication from "Cynicus," let me first thank him for his inquiries. They cover some of the most important points in the proposed constitution.

He first asks "on what grounds, if any, does the present Institute Committee exist?" As to the history of the formation of the committee, we can only say that a number of years ago several public-spirited students, feeling the need of some central governing body, or organization, got together and formed an Institute Committee. Its purpose and place in the student life was not questioned at that time, and it soon became a recognized body. Its membership grew from time to time, as new activities were formed, until now its members number about twenty-five in all. As to its actual right to exist, it is true that this right consists solely of custom and precedence. No powers were ever given the committee in writing, and yet such actions as have been taken by the committee in the past have been accepted.

Cynicus' question is the very question that gave rise to the proposed constitution. We looked around for the definite ground upon which the committee stands, and failing to find it, sought to make it, so that from now on the committee would be a truly established and authorized body. We feel that if the constitution is adopted it will provide the necessary rights that Cynicus now questions.

He next asks, "Has the committee a definite place in the undergraduate life, or is it just a means whereby certain among us take a chance to place themselves on a little higher plane than the rest of the undergraduates, and invest themselves with powers to which they have neither legal nor hereditary right?" In reply we say yes, the committee has a most definite place in the student life here at the  
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## MANDOLIN CONCERT.

The Mandolin Club is hard at work these days. The big concert at Chelsea takes place on February 22, and the men are working hard in preparation. A bunch of new music has been secured, and the rehearsals have been increased from one to two a week. R. H. Dickson, '14, who succeeds Allton as manager of the club, expects great things for the club this term in the way of concerts.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TALK.

Mr. McClellan Spoke Before  
Electrical Engineering  
Society.

Mr. Wm. McClellan, of the Second District Public Service Commission of New York, gave a very interesting talk last evening before the Electrical Engineering Society on "Public Service Corporations." He said that ordinary business is an exchange by means of which a man who wants something can get it. In public service, however, business becomes more or less of a monopoly. Here the public is usually compelled to take what the corporation offers, and the corporation what the people offer.

He said that a Public Service Commission acts in two principal ways in the regulation of capitalization and of rates. Capitalization is controlled to the extent of refusing to permit a corporation to have its property out of proportion to its capital. The Commission tries to fix rates in accordance with certain conditions. The two principal conditions are that a man shall receive proper returns for his labor, and that a man shall receive proper return for his capital. Fixing a rate is not a wise plan, as it is liable to destroy the incentive to better service. However, this has not yet become evident.

The commission is composed of five men, who sit as a sort of jury, but unlike a jury, the commissioners depend less upon lawyers and more upon their own questioning. The case is judged solely upon its merits. If a suitable settlement is not reached when the decision seems unfair to the corporation, the case may be appealed to higher courts. The court maintains a complete inspection department to aid in conducting its cases.

As a result companies see that the people have rights. In any company money asks only return, management return for labor, people to be treated fairly. Between money, who wants all it can get, and the people, who give as little as possible, stands the management. The management formerly looked to the stockholder; it now looks to the people as well, for it is the people to whom it now finds itself responsible. The Commission prevents the enactment of legislation either unfair or harmful to corporations.

Following the talk Mr. McClellan answered many pertinent questions that were asked him by the members. He  
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## MANY ARTICLES LOST.

A large number of articles have been left in various class rooms of the Institute during the past term. These have all been taken to the Bursar's office, where they can be had upon the identification of the owner. Bursar Rand requests that any men who have lost text books, note books or articles of apparel around the Institute during the last term apply at his office at once.

## WRESTLING PICTURE.

The wrestling team picture will be taken at Notman's Studio this afternoon at 1 P. M. The following men are expected to be there at that time: Fayer, Loo, Sidelinger, Means, Kelly, Blodgett, Martin, Walters, Alexander, Crowell, Wilson and Treat.

## CAPT. MARSH TELLS OF SUMMER WORK IN NAVY

Men to Spend Two Months on  
Board Dreadnoughts Learning  
to Direct Guns.

Yesterday noon the big lecture room, 6 Lowell, was filled by students who came to hear the talk by Captain C. C. Marsh, U. S. N., the head of the Naval Reserve, on the subject of enlistment of college men in the Navy during the summer months. Dean Burton introduced the speaker.

Captain Marsh said that the course as planned would occupy from six to eight weeks, and the work would consist principally of work in mathematics, and only a small part of the time would be devoted to seamanship. Upon entering the men may state what they wish to study, the electrical or mechanical equipment of the vessel.

The part of the work in which the men from the colleges would take part would be the target practice. When the range is to be found six or eight of the rifle guns are fired at the target. One shot is often misleading, but with half a dozen shots it is very easy to determine the approximate range. For the purpose of observing the range there are range finding stations distributed over the ship. Four to six of these stations are used, one in each of the masts and the others in various parts of the ship, two of them being very close to the deck. These last two are in less danger than the others, and are depended upon in case the others are disabled. Each of these stations require several men, who are designated as spotters. All of these stations are connected with one main station in several different ways; by telephone, speaking tube and mechanical indicator, so that in case of the disabling of one another will still be available. This station, which contains several men, is connected with all of the gun turrets. It is in these stations that college men are desired,  
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## MASONIC CLUB MEETING.

Officers for Coming Term Chosen  
After Dinner in Union.

The Masonic Club, which was recently organized at the Institute, held an important meeting last night in the Union. After an excellent dinner, which was attended by over thirty men, the club elected its officers for the coming term. H. R. Worsley, 1914, a Course I man, is the president; J. E. Wood, 1914, of Course IV, is the vice-president, and L. L. Downing, II, 1914, is the secretary-treasurer. The next meeting of the club will be in April.

## FRENCH SOCIETY.

It is proposed by those interested in the French language to form a "Cercle Francais" at the Institute. All men intending to join this society are requested to meet in Professor Langley's room, 29 Lowell, at 4 o'clock, on Friday, February 14. Professor Langley very kindly offered to give one hour a week to this organization, and it is expected that the interest shown by the students will be great enough to make it a success and so repay the professor somewhat for the aid he has already given them. All those who understand French are urged to attend.

## FIRST T. C. A. TALK OF TERM THIS NOON

Mr. Gibson, Secretary for Boys  
of Y. M. C. A., Speaks on  
Hodge-Podge.

The first talk of this term, under the auspices of the Technology Christian Association, will take place at the Union this noon, at 1.30. Mr. H. W. Gibson, State Secretary for Boys of the Y. M. C. A., will be the speaker. His subject, "Hodge-Podge," so indefinite in name, offers an enormous field to one who is so well known for his excellent and interesting lectures.

Mr. Gibson, as head in charge of boys' work in the associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, has come in contact with more boys in religious work, perhaps, than any other man doing religious work in the State. Many Technology men who have belonged to a boys' department in the Y. M. C. A., or who have been at either Camp Becket, in the Berkshires, or Camp Durrell, on the Maine coast, both of which are conducted by him, know Mr. Gibson, or "Gibbie," as he is often termed. The men already acquainted with his pleasing personality, which makes him such a favorite throughout the State, and those who have never met him, will have a splendid opportunity up in the Union at 1.30 today.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

February Meeting in Union To-  
night—Dues to Be Discussed.

The February meeting of the Finance Committee will be held tonight at 6.30, in the Union. The members who are unable to attend the dinner are expected to notify the secretary, C. W. Brett, by this Thursday noon. At the last meeting it was voted that the treasurers of all activities having dues make out a report of the number of dues yet to be collected and the percentage already collected. There was also a suggestion made at the last meeting that the collection of dues be graphically represented, so that an indication may be readily obtained as to the number of dues collected each month.

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## CALENDAR.

Thursday, February 13, 1913.

Hockey Game with Williams, at Williamstown.

4.15—Show Orchestra Rehearsal at Union.

6.00—Father Cusick Addresses Student Body on "Evolution" at Union.

6.30—Finance Committee Meeting at Union.

Friday, February 14, 1913.

4.00—Crew Candidates Report at Union.

4.00—Meeting of "Cercle Francais" in 29 Lowell.

5.00—Department Meeting of Athletic Department of THE TECH.

Saturday, February 15, 1913.

2.00—Cast and Chorus Candidates for Tech Show Meet in Union.

8.00—Civil Engineering Society Moving Pictures of "Steel Making" at Huntington Hall.

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## OUR LITTLE BUTTON.

It cannot have escaped the attention of many of us that the little Cardinal-and-Gray button which we have adopted is not, in every case, an insignia of which the Institute should be especially proud. Many men who obtained buttons at the time when they were first introduced are still wearing the same ones, with no regard to the fact that they are now faded and dirty. Now the colors of the Institute are Cardinal Red and Silver Gray; not Dusty Red and Dustier Gray; and it is hardly too much to say that a man should wear no button at all rather one of the latter variety, which advertise the Institute in such an undesirable manner.

Just what we ought to do, however, is somewhat of a problem. The buttons sold with a rapidity which is quite surprising. To replace a dirty one with a new one three or four times in a year is more than can be expected of the average man; cleansing the silks thoroughly and well is a task whose difficulty is greater than will be readily conceived by one who is innocent of having attempted it. We want to wear the button if we can. It is unique and simple as well as attractive and cheap, but we do not want to make it the object of outside ridicule that it now is in some cases. Can there not be neater looking buttons in the future?

## CREW CANDIDATES.

All men who are interested in having a crew to represent Technology this year, or who have any opinions as to the advisability of maintaining any practice in the shell until the Institute moves to Cambridge are asked to meet in the Union tomorrow, at 4 P. M. The manager of last year's crew will explain the present situation, and he will have something to say of the views of the Alumni on the prospects of a crew for Technology.

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## FRESHMAN TRACK TEAM . TO MEET LOWELL HIGH

Meet Will Take Place Saturday Evening at Lowell—Many Candidates.

Saturday evening the Freshman team will journey to Lowell, Mass., where they will meet the team representing Lowell High School. The team will take the 5.27 train for Lowell, and the names of those who are to make the trip will be announced in Friday's issue of THE TECH.

This meet is very important, since upon its outcome will depend the ability to schedule meets with other and better schools. At present the team is an unknown quantity, but if the Lowell meet is won the manager will be able to schedule meets for which he is now negotiating, namely, with Malden High School, Medford High School, Boston College High School, and Tufts Freshmen. In addition to these meets he will try to arrange meets with Newton High School and several of the best school teams in this vicinity. Also, if the showing made in all these meets is good, numerals may be awarded to the men making good records. The prizes at the Lowell meet will be ribbons for the individual winners, and a silver cup for the winning team.

In the 30-yard dash, Captain Adams, Hine, Comiskey and Reed are the men who will probably make the trip. For the hurdles, Adams, Hine, Comiskey and Lieber are showing the best form. In the 300-yard run, Adams, Comiskey, Reed and Hine are again the ones who will probably go. C. T. Guething, Dean, Reed and Roper have the best chance in the 600-yard dash. Wolk, Maier and C. T. Guething are all showing well in the shot-put. In the high jump, Garrita is in good form, and the others who will make the trip will be selected from Ober, Claussen, Carr and Childs.

## SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL.

Game Coming Saturday Night With Fort Warren Team.

The Sophomore basketball team is now in pretty good form for the game with the Fort Warren quintet next Saturday night. The lineup will be practically the same as usual, with the exception of McBride for Dalton, and possibly "Johnnie" O'Brien as a back. Next Wednesday night ought to bring every fan to the Gym, for the Sophomores play the Freshmen, and the Juniors also are scheduled for a game. Following this game the Sophomores will play Haverhill on February 28th, and then Milton on March 7th. Nothing definite has been arranged beyond the latter date.

## COMMUNICATION.

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Its chief functions is the tying together of all student activities, and preventing any one activity from encroaching upon the rights of any (Continued on Page 3.)

## NEW ENGLISH CLASS.

Professor Bates has announced that the first meeting of the new English class for Freshmen who are working on THE TECH will meet next Monday in 16 Rogers, at 4 P. M. Professor Bates will take charge of the class personally. The membership of the class has not yet reached twenty, and there is still opportunity for men to change to this class by making application to Professor Bates.

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**REGIMENTAL HOP.**

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Tickets for the Regimental Hop are broadcast about the Institute, all of the nearly forty officers having them for sale. They will also be placed at the Cage later in the month. They are one dollar per person, this price including refreshments. Two ladies have already accepted invitations to act as matrons, these being Mrs. Richard C. Maclaurin and Mrs. Edwin T. Cole.

The recent appearance of an artistic poster in the Union will serve to keep the Hop before the Institute. This was drawn by O. R. Freeman, '15, who is already well known around the Institute, and indeed in Boston, for his artistic drawings.

The Hop occurs Friday, February 23, in Horticultural Hall where it was held last year. This Hop, the first since the military organization became a regiment, promises to be the most successful in recent years. The officers are acting as a committee of the whole to arrange the dance, with sub-committees to arrange the details.

**COMMUNICATION.**

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others. It has assumed, in a general way, supervision of and responsibility for the actions of the undergraduates at large. Its purpose is truly democratic, as evidenced by the Point System, which one of its sub-committees enforces. The main feature of the Point System is preventing a few men from holding all the student positions, and the whole system tends to spread the work, responsibility and honors among many instead of few.

Another sub-committee, the Finance Committee, has done much to raise the standard of Institute student activities, among outside business firms. Its membership is made up of a representative from every activity, which enables any one activity to obtain the benefits of the experiences of all the others.

These and many other points that could be cited show the purpose of the Institute Committee, and we believe that the need of such a body has not been felt, because that very need has been satisfactorily fulfilled. Therefore, we argue, the student body should give their governing board some definite ground to stand upon, and some definite right of existence, such as provided in the constitution under consideration. You may argue that if such right is given them they may go ahead and run things to suit themselves and do things they now hesitate doing, because of this lack of absolute authority. In answer to this argument we ask, suppose that in the past the Institute Committee had taken an overbearing position what would have been done about it? Practically nothing except a show of displeasure. Further, suppose that the constitution is adopted, and the committee assumes a similar position, what can be done? Article IV, section 2, says that upon petition of fifty men any act or decision of the Institute Committee must be referred to the entire student body for ratification or rejection. This we believe to be one of the most important points in the constitution, namely, the recall of the committee's acts, and the placing of the power in the hands of the student body themselves.

Tomorrow will appear in THE TECH the answers to Cynicus' other questions.

Truly yours,  
Com. on Constitution and By-Laws.  
H. D. Peck, Chairman.

**DEPARTMENT MEETING.**

All men connected with the Athletic Department of THE TECH are expected to be present at a meeting of the Department on Friday, at 5 o'clock, in the Lower Office.

**OFFERS NEW THEORY ON MAN'S EVOLUTION**

**Father Cusick Will Speak On Substitute for Darwinian Theory.**

Tonight, at 8 o'clock, the Catholic Club will give a dinner in the Union. The speaker for the evening will be the Rev. Peter F. Cusick, S. J. His talk tonight will be a continuation of his discussion of "Evolution," which has aroused a great deal of interest around the Institute.

At the last meeting of the club Father Cusick discussed the Darwinian theory of evolution, told why it was not supported by the Catholic Church, and offered two theories which are in accord with the Catholic teachings.

The officers of the club invite everybody to come and hear this second talk of Father Cusick's, because it is thought that it will be fully as interesting as the first one which was given. At this meeting Father Cusick will set forth a theory on evolution which is expected to replace that of Darwin, and he will also advance the various arguments that seem to favor it.

After the talk a very important business meeting will be held. The dance committee, which has charge of the preliminary arrangements for the big annual Catholic Club dance, will make its report. The committee will report definitely regarding the date and place of the dance, which is one of the big Institute affairs of the year. The question of extending the invitations of the dance so as to allow men not members of the club to attend will be discussed.

**SUMMER NAVY WORK.**

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for men academically trained are better than others, as the work is mathematical. For a gun crew college men are valuable, and the work may be learned in six weeks, with only one hour of work a day, Sunday and holidays excepted.

In turning his attention to the problems given the men, Captain Marsh spoke of the great variety of machinery in a warship, and said that the aim of the designs used is to get the greatest efficiency from a machine with a minimum weight and size, although the weight is the more important item. It is these problems of efficiency which are continually being studied, and they are not by any means confined to naval men. Salt water is a problem in itself and is a subject of much study. A little salt water inside a vessel can produce much trouble, for it runs through the ship till it gets to the lowest point, often causing trouble on the way. Also, since the vessel travels at a varying rate of speed the problems of efficiency in stoking and draught are important ones, and are some of those given to the men.

The men will probably be accommodated in a compartment set aside for their use. They will have a special officer over them, and will not be subject to any of the other petty officers. They will bunk in hammocks, which are very comfortable, and will eat at the general mess. The food supplied is good, and there is plenty of it. The suits consist of three white ones, the total cost of which is \$6.25. This summer the men will have to pay forty cents a day for their board, since the Naval Reserve bill has not passed Congress, but in following summers they will receive a salary.

The time on board ship will be divided so that approximately one-third is spent in port and two-thirds at sea. It is expected that the students will plan to stay for the autumn target practice, which begins about the first of September, and lasts about ten days, depending on the weather. In foul weather the targets are liable to be broken, while under favorable con-

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**SUMMER NAVY WORK.**  
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Captain Marsh spoke of the great need of a greater personnel and quoted the words with which Admiral Farragut ended his report of the victory of Mobile Bay in 1864. He said that it was the men, not the ships and the guns, which won the battle, and then asked that he might have more men like those who had fought under him.

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**E. E. SOCIETY MEETING.**

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brought out the attitude of corporations to the commission, and explained the meaning of several of the rulings that they had made.

In reply to Mr. McClellan's statement that inducements were necessary to bring out capital, Professor Adams said that they were no more necessary than a high salary was necessary to attract a high grade of service.

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