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COMPETITION OPENS FOR TECH SHOW MUSIC

Lyrics Will Be Placed In Cage Today—Due First Week After Vacation.

At one o'clock today, in the Union, the lyrics for the Tech Show will be available. Stage Manager D. M. Hughes has seven complete copies of the lyrics, and these, together with the directions for writing the music, will be put in the Cage.

The plan is to distribute the lyrics now to as many men who expect to enter the competition, so that they can work on them during the Christmas vacation. The music will be called in some time during the first week after vacation, and after they are looked over by the coach they will be returned to the writers for final revision.

As there are but a few copies of the lyrics, in order to obtain one the men must leave their vacation addresses and telephone numbers at the Cage. If, for any reason, a man is late in applying, or if he finds all the copies have been taken, he should leave his name and address with Manager Hughes, so that the lyrics can be sent to him.

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

Team Will Meet Fast Winthrop High School Five Tonight.

Yesterday noon Captain Dewson gave his men a final drilling in preparation for tonight's game with Winthrop. The Winthrop aggregation, although handicapped by loss of its captain and several other star players through graduation last June, has developed a speedy well-balanced team. O'Brien, now on the Tech Freshman team, was a regular on last year's Winthrop team.

Captain Dewson specially emphasized the need of team-work in yesterday's practice. The team has developed wonderfully in this respect, but there is still room for improvement. According to the manager, Captain Dewson is high man in individual playing. Merritt, left forward, excels in pass-work, and is moreover an expert basket-shooter. Although new men, DeMerritt and Miller are both showing fine form, both having had previous experience in basketball.

The line-up for tonight's game is as follows:—

James Merritt lf, Ziner, Reycroft, rf; Dewson, Jack DeMerritt, c; Miller, lg; Wilde, Hauman, rg.

SENIOR PORTFOLIO BALLOTS

The ballots for the Senior Portfolio Committee elections are due today, and will be received up to 5.00 P. M. at the Union, when the polls will close. Members of the class who have not yet obtained ballots will find them procurable at the same place.

Dartmouth has just elected C. F. Durgin, a sophomore, to captain her cross country team next year.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB HOLDS BRITISH NIGHT

English Students At Institute Give Entertainment At Union.

Last evening at the Union, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, English political cartoons, and Christmas evergreens the Cosmopolitan Club celebrated British Night. A very large and appreciative audience taxed the capacity of the room to the utmost.

President Chow welcomed those in attendance, and introduced Mr. Mason, the Chairman of the British contingent of the club, which was in charge of the entertainment. Mr. Mason spoke of the relatively large number of English students at Tech, and of their activity at the Institute, closing by introducing Mr. Taylor, who rendered two very pleasing selections, assisted at the piano by Mr. S. Clark.

The next number on the program was a very interesting informal talk on South Africa by Mr. Mason, who once called that section of the globe his home. In referring to the Zulu tribes of that country, he stated that the Zulus were, when left to their own devices, a particularly fine race of people, but that mainly from contact with foreigners they had gained those vices and other degrading influences to which they have become subject. Mr. Mason called particular attention to the fact that the present state of development of South Africa has been reached almost entirely through the efforts made by the various nations of Europe and America during the last twenty years. The one serious check upon

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JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEE

As a result of the election for the Junior Prom Committee yesterday six men were elected. The election was exceedingly close, there being a tie between Franks and Werlich for the fifth man. For this reason both men will be on the committee. The men elected, with their votes, are as follows: M. B. Dalton 30, C. W. Howlett 28, E. E. Place 27, J. D. McIntyre 26, P. E. Werlich 23, J. B. Franks 23.

There will be an important meeting of the committee at 5 o'clock in the Union today.

CHRISTMAS SINGING

Tech students who are to be in Boston over Christmas and who would be interested in singing carols on Christmas Eve, are requested to meet at Trinity House, 93 St. James Ave. on Saturday evening, December 20, at seven o'clock. The plan is to sing in the neighborhood of Copley Square, and then to join forces with other bands of singers at the city Christmas Tree on Boston Common, and sing under the direction of Dr. Richard Cabot.

RICHARD BENNETT TO TALK ON "DAMAGED GOODS"

Famous Actor To Speak At Boston University—Tech Men Are Invited.

Tech men are invited this noon to hear Mr. Richard Bennett speak on "Damaged Goods" at Boston University. This will be at the regular meeting of the College Y. M. C. A. Mr. Talbot, General Secretary of the Technology Christian Association who is also General Secretary of the University Associations, has invited all men of other departments of the University and all Tech men to take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Mr. Bennett is the leading man in the company playing "Damaged Goods" at the Tremont Theatre. The play has aroused widespread interest and its plot is already well known. Mr. Bennett states his attitude on this much discussed play as follows. He believes that there is great need of awakening the public to the terrible conditions now prevailing; that it is possible to bring about, through the play, proper education in sex hygiene, so that ignorance may no longer be responsible for so many men contracting the disease. Mr. Bennett regards this play as a great means of arousing people to a sense of their duty.

Mr. Talbot wishes to make the following statement in regard to the appearance of Mr. Bennett as a Y. M. C. A. speaker. This is not to be construed as an indication that Boston University favors or sanctions "Damaged Goods." Neither does it mean that the University opposes it. The University has no connection with the address, and none of its officials are concerned except Mr. Talbot. He personally invited Mr. Bennett and assumes full responsibility for the meeting.

This statement is made by Mr. Talbot in order to forestall any criticism which might be made of the University.

Mr. Bennett will start promptly at 12.05 today, in Jacob Sleeper Hall, 688 Boylston Street.

1917 BASKETBALL

Team Plays Reading High School—Good Game Expected.

The Freshman Basketball Team leaves North Station at 6.35 tonight for Reading, where they will meet the High School team. Reading High is one of the fastest teams of the Suburban League, having won seven games and lost only one. The Freshmen, however, are determined not to be defeated again this year, and hope to break their streak of ill-luck and poor playing by winning the game tonight. The 1917 will line up as follows: Rausch rf, Getchel lf, Gockey c, Kendall rg, O'Brien lg; substitutes, Cawlin, Gargan, Richardson.

It took three ballots to elect the Amherst football captain last week.

NEW OLD SOUTH CHURCH SUBJECT OF M. E. TALK

Mr. J. R. Worcester, Consulting Engineer, Tells Why Tower Is Out Of Plumb.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. R. Worcester, of the J. R. Worcester Co., consulting engineers, spoke at the M. E. Smoker on "Heavy Foundations and Pier Work." Men from Courses I, II and X were present.

President Treat of the M. E. Society introduced the speaker. Mr. Worcester took for his subject the Old South Church Tower, which he said was principally an architectural subject, but was also interesting from an engineering point of view. The tower is out of plumb and has been practically ever since it was built. For this reason the construction of the Boylston St. subway has caused considerable anxiety to the Transit Commission as well as to the members of the church.

The church was built in 1873, excavation being made partly through water, and the structure founded on piles. So far as is known no plan is in existence showing the location of the piles. The tower was bolted to the church by long rods.

After it was partly constructed, it was found that the building was settling and in 1875 the tower was 16 inches out of plumb. Now the deviation from the perpendicular amounts to about three feet. This variation is due to unequal settlement. The west side is one inch lower than the east side and the south six inches lower than the north. In the last ten years the tower has settled two inches. This movement has not entirely ceased, for during the past year it has settled 5-16 of an inch. Mr. Worcester attributes this settlement as due to the soft clay which lies about 70 feet below the level of the street.

Settlement has already occurred under the Public Library as much as eight

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WEATHER

For Boston and vicinity: Fair and colder; moderate northwest winds.

CALENDAR

Friday, December 19, 1913.

12.00 M.—Professor Cross talks on Course VIII—11 Walker.

1.00—Professor Miller confers with students on Course II—11 Eng. B.

1.30—Professor Sedgwick talks on Course VII—27 Pierce.

5.00—Senior Portfolio Ballots due—Cage.

8.00—1916 Basketball vs. Winthrop H. S.—Winthrop.

8.00—1917 Basketball vs. Reading H. S.—Reading.

Saturday, December 20, 1913

1.00—Greater Lynn Club Ballots due—Cage.

8.00—Wrestling Meet—Tech vs. Marblehead Y. M. C. A.—Marblehead.

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In Charge of This Issue

Editor—B. N. Stimets '16.
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We take pleasure in printing one of the editorials received in the Pi Delta Epsilon contest, on the subject of the redistribution of the Institute vacations.

Redistribution of Vacations

Now that the holiday season is approaching, our attention is attracted to the question of vacation periods. The problem of distribution of vacations is not peculiar to Tech; many colleges throughout the country have had similar dissatisfactions. For instance, the University of Michigan shortened its Thanksgiving recess and increased the length of the summer vacation to four months to accommodate the large number of students who work during the summer months. Case School of Applied Science, on the other hand, lengthened the Christmas vacation to two and a half weeks, shortened the summer vacation to eleven weeks, but discontinued the spring recess, and the term is now continuous from January to July. Experience has shown this to be unsatisfactory notwithstanding the fact that it was done with the sanction of the student vote.

At the Institute, however, the conditions are more complicated, and the question more elusive of settlement. One faction wants the April recess shifted to February. Another party demands a full week in April and no other changes; while a third faction demands a full week for student activities in April; but the school year consequently prolonged.

Some rest is necessary in the spring; the long stretch of steady work from February to June would

ENGINEERING AND SCIENTIFIC NOTES

At the present day X-ray photography has become so much a matter of ordinary routine at all big hospitals that it is no longer regarded with the wonder it originally called forth. The remarkable properties of the X-rays when they first became known were looked upon as inevitably leading to still fresh discoveries, but except from the standpoint of physical science little of general interest has developed, and the main progress made has been in their application to medical purposes. Today a radiograph can be taken through the thickest parts of the human body instantaneously—in the 200th part of a second. A few years ago an exposure of twenty minutes for a radiograph of a knee-joint or elbow was not remarkable. The methods of locating foreign bodies, of treating skin diseases, of isolating the rays and directing only where required have all attained a high point, hardly of perfection, but of technical soundness. The field of X-ray apparatus has grown to a surprising extent, and an industry has sprung up of the extent of which the general public has little or no idea.

A typical modern apparatus consists of a heavy induction coil mounted on a table provided with castors, so that it can be wheeled about from one ward to another in a hospital if necessary, and heavily insulated leads connect the terminals of the coil with the X-ray tube, which can be touched without danger of shock. The tube-stand of today is in itself an ingenious piece of mechanism, and is usually provided with a mask or cover for the tube which prevents extraneous radiation in order to minimize the danger of dermatitis. Compression diaphragms are also employed for "through the body" exposures; these diaphragms are clamped down upon the patient, and prevent the movement of the part being radiographed, for which the breathing would ordinarily be responsible. The heaviness of the discharge used, the hardness or softness of the vacuum in the tube, and every technical point can be controlled in order to produce the best possible result; thus a soft tube, low in vacuum, will give wealth of detail, while a high vacuum in the tube will give penetrating power suitable for thick parts of the body.

There still remains scope for experiment in the direction of finding a trustworthy meter for measuring the strength of the rays and the necessary time for exposure of the plate. Various methods are in use, all more or less convenient, but the X-ray tube is essentially a factor which is variable and uncertain, and a perfect means of control and measurement has yet to be discovered.

Following the announcement that Harvard had placed Washington and Jefferson on her football schedule next year comes the news that Yale has also taken on the Red and Black.

be impracticable as well as unwise. The faculty, however, seems insistent on a full fifteen-week term, while those students who have a great distance to travel, or who hold summer positions, wish as long a summer vacation as possible, being willing to sacrifice a day or so during the year. Junior Week is, nevertheless, as necessary to successful student life at Tech as any other one factor. The one satisfactory solution of the problem seems to lie in shortening the mid-year vacation, and giving full time to Junior Week.

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MR. EDWIN MULREADY SPEAKS IN UNION

Temperance Worker Discusses Vital Social Problems In T. C. A. Talk.

Yesterday noon at 1.30 in the Union Mr. Edwin Mulready of the Massachusetts Commission on Probation spoke on a subject which intimately concerns Tech men—"Social Activities and Our Relations to Them."

Mr. Mulready began by saying that he was not speaking about new kinds of dancing, but of the great social problems which continually confront us. Tech men are no longer children, and can appreciate their importance. Each man has his hopes and ambitions; but the realization of these will to a large extent depend upon the way the men of today solve the problems.

One of the great questions with which we have to deal is pauperism. Governor Foss said recently that dependents and delinquents cost the state \$4,900,000 annually, while the total receipts available for their care was \$4,500,000. The only way to avoid this deficit is by caring for the pauper so that he may become a better citizen, and not let him perpetuate himself. That the present treatment is better than the old is conclusively proven by the fact that, in spite of the increase of population of the state, pauperism is on the decrease.

The same revolution has taken

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inches or more. The Copley Plaza has also gone down about an inch and a half.

Mr. Worcester then went on to tell about the methods used in determining the amount of settlement of the tower. He also spoke of the precautions taken by the Transit Commission to avoid interfering with the church by driving steel piling into the silt and forcing a cement mixture into the soft soil.

SCHOLARSHIP BEQUEST

By the will of the late Louis Weissbein, a noted architect of Boston, Tech is to receive four thousand dollars for the maintenance of a scholarship. This scholarship is to be given preferably to Hebrew students.

place with regard to lunatics. Formerly they were kept in the family, and concealed from public sight as a disgrace. Three or four years ago the state took them upon its hands, and is now caring for 17,000. There is still room for improvement, for no delinquents are properly treated when institutionalized.

Another factor in the decrease of pauperism has been the care of poor children. Contrary to former usage, these are now educated and reared under such influences as will make good citizens of them.

The two greatest problems facing young men are, however, intemperance and impurity. Last year 98,000 persons, 11,000 of them women, were arrested for intemperance. What is being done for this? The offenders are put in jail or fined, but that does not make them better at heart. Under the new theories, the drunkard is a diseased person, one who has abused his divinely given privileges, and should consequently no longer exercise them. The remedy is to isolate him in institutions like that at Norfolk.

The alcohol problem has been recognized as such a menace that an international congress met in Italy some time ago to discuss means of dealing with it. Mr. Mulready was one of those chosen to represent the United States, and consequently had some opportunity to observe the condition of affairs in Italy. He said the country was most beautiful, with all advantages for agriculture; yet everywhere was most abject misery, due to excess of alcoholism. Instead of crops of wheat and corn, great vineyards stretched along for miles beside the railroads. The deaths from alcoholism have increased in ten years from fourteen in a thousand to forty in a thousand. The worst part of it is, the Italians blame the Americans for this increase. They say the Italians come to America, learn our intemperate customs, and return home, not only to indulge in them, but also to teach them to rising generations.

It is shameful for us to be held up thus as a bad example to other nations, and something should be done to remedy it. The state has a right to expect Technology men to do much toward solving these problems: they have come from enlightened homes, and have lived in environment which particularly fits them for this work. "From him to whom much is given, much is to be expected." Technology is a monument to those who have gone before. Let every man take up the work of his predecessors, and leave the state and country better because he lived in it.

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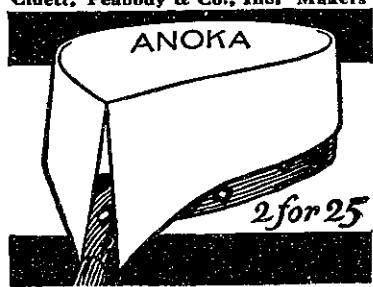
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Local Association To Be Represented At Big Student Convention.

The T. C. A., and thus indirectly the Institute also, will be represented at the great conference of students at Kansas City, Missouri, which will be held from Dec. 31 of the present year to Jan. 4, 1914. This will be the seventh meeting of the International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. The conventions are held every four years, and bring together large numbers of students and faculty members from all of the leading colleges and universities in the country. Four years ago, the conference was held at Rochester, N. Y., and over 3,700 delegates were registered. The Institute was not represented.

The purpose of the convention is to bring together students and professors from the higher institutions of learning in Canada and in the United States for helpful association and conference, and particularly to consider the problems of the evangelization of the non-Christian world. At this convention there will be as speakers some of the greatest of the present world's missionary workers and leaders.

Mr. F. H. Blair, the Assistant General Secretary of the T. C. A. is at present at his home in Minnesota, and he will attend the conference. The student representative will be W. T. Kniezner '16, who was one of the Tech delegation of four which attended the Student Conference at Northfield, Mass., last June.

GREATER LYNN CLUB

The ballots which are now out with the nominees names for vice-president of the Greater Lynn Club and also amendments to the Constitution, are due Saturday at 1.00 P. M. at the Cage. The result of the ballots will be announced at a Social Meeting to be held the first part of the second term.

1917 BANQUET

Arrangements have been started for the banquet of the class of 1917. The committee, consisting of L. E. Wyman and Dudley Bell are making preparations for the affair, and have chosen Friday evening, February 13, 1914, for the date.

FACULTY NOTICE

First Year.

Professor Miller will make a second appointment to meet first year students who wish to confer with him in regard to the course in Mechanical Engineering today at one o'clock in Room 11, Eng. B.

A. E. BURTON, Dean.

BRITISH NIGHT

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This salutary influence was the Boer War, which was brought on in this way:—

The English and Americans in the Boer territories were a much more aggressive kind of people than the Boers, and gained possession of the rich and valuable gold mines of the country. This aroused the jealousy of the Boer government, which proceeded to harass the much hated "Uitlanders" by imposing upon them a heavy and burdensome tax. The tax finally became so oppressive that a petition signed by twenty thousand foreigners was laid before the English Parliament asking for British intervention in the matter. The result was that the British government asked the Boer government to reduce the troublesome tax, a request which was promptly ignored by that country, with disastrous results. After the war was over, South Africa was again free to expand; in 1910 the four southern colonies were united under one parliament. There is still a strong faction desiring Boer sovereignty, but the likelihood of its actually displacing the British government grows smaller from year to year.

After Mr. Mason's discourse, Mr. G. A. Martin delighted the audience with two selections upon the bagpipes.

Following Mr. Martin came Seumas, Chief of Clann Fhearghuis and Clann Ailpen, dressed in the plaid of his clan, and the possessor of a very rich Scotch brogue. He kept the audience in an uproar with numerous anecdotes and stories of his native heath, and between laughs managed to read a very interesting paper upon the characteristics of Scotch people in general, and especially of the Highlanders, whom, he stated, formed a distinct race by themselves, entirely removed from the Lowlanders. Neither of these races possess any great regard for the other. It seems a pity to the Chief that at the present rate of the intermingling of the two that in sixty years the line of demarcation will have become obliterated. Other interesting topics, including the superstitions and ideals and hospitality of the Scotch were also taken up.

Mr. Cleverly, in the costume of Touchstone, created much amusement with his sallies of droll humor.

After Pres. Chow had spoken for a few moments in regard to matters of interest to the members of the club, the entire assembly adjourned to the side rooms, where the entertainment was brought to a very successful conclusion with the serving of refreshments, chief among which was the delectable English dessert—plum pudding.

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