BURSAR FRANK H. RAND DIES SUDDENLY AT PINEBURST, NORTH CAROLINA

Institute Flags Lowered To Half Mast At Twelve O'clock Yesterday Noon Upon Receipt Of Telegram From The South

Frank H. Rand, Bursar of the Institute and Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart failure at Pinehurst, North Carolina, where he had gone with his wife and six-year-old daughter for a vacation. The first thing the students had to do was to look up the appearance at noon yesterday of all the Institute flags at half mast. These were ordered to be lowered by the President, Richard C. Macauley, who received word from Mrs. Rand at Pinehurst.

The Bursar was born in Irasburg, Vermont, in 1861, and when two years old his home was changed to Newport, Vermont, on the shores of the beautiful Lake Memphremagog. At the age of fourteen he removed to Springfield, Mass., and exchanged the country school for the more highly organized school of the city. He was about two years younger than the majority of the popula, but this did not prevent him from holding his own for the year he remained. The next move was to Troy, N.Y., where his father was employed in the custom- service. The lad entered a railroad office. He applied himself so diligently to the study of telegraphy that in the year following, when he was but sixteen, he was made chief operator at Wells River. His position was one of great responsibility, for he had to handle all the telegraph work of three railroads. Later he was promoted to be night train dispatcher in the superintendent's office of the South-Eastern Railroad.

After a year of this employment he was recalled by his father to enter Eastman's Business College, at the same time the only institution of its kind in the country.

After completing the course at college in record time, he returned to Vermont, and while yet seventeen was, during the absence of the proprietor, put in charge of the general store. This practical experience was an excellent sequel to his business course. He was fortunate in having for his employer a merchant of the old school, a man of sterling worth and ability, and one whose business methods were worthy of adoption, while the experience he gained in dealing with men was of great value in his later life.

The next step in his career Rand took by going to law in the office of State's Attorney, and later in the Law School at Albany. He graduated and was admitted to the bar in New York and Vermont. For a time he practiced law in Orleans County, but as the practice was not as successful as he desired, he accepted a position with the J. C. Ayer Company at Lowell, Massachusetts. He traveled for three years through the Southern States in the interests of the company. He had many interesting experiences, for this was during the period of the Reconstruction Period, while the sires of the Civil War were still glowing hot.

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Buzar Rand

The death of our genial Bursar leaves a void in the hearts of all connected with Technology. His natural ability and thorough grasp of his life work have earned him the esteem of the Corporation and of his associates in office; his tireless efforts on behalf of the students render his name particularly dear to them; while his love of good fellowship, his generous sympathy, and his keen but kindly insight into men and affairs, have inspired the admiration and loyal devotion of all who have known him personally.

His specific accomplishments on behalf of the students are discussed with his biography in another part of this issue. Our purpose here is merely to add our mite to the universal expression of regret at our loss.

Harvard Criticized

A criticism of Harvard University, written by a graduate, is attracting considerable attention across the river, and has been discussed in an editorial in the Crimson. The latter quotes what it regards as the kernel of criticism, as follows: “Harvard fails to stimulate the majority of its students to take advantage of its opportunities,” it furnishes a totally inadequate intellectual discipline, and instead of teaching a man good habits of work and study concentration it encourages lazy and vicious habits. This is a criticism which could hardly under any circumstances be applied to Technology.

COLLEGE NEWS

The following rule was established at Illinois recently: Resolved, That we, the dancing clubs of the University of Illinois, are in favor of the following rules: If dancing clubs give away unframed property, and in order to carry out the foregoing policy we have adopted a system of censorship.

—Daily Illini.

The contest for the annual prize in oratory given by the State of New York will be held on March 11th, at Colgate University. The seven colleges which composed this year's contest at the College of New York, are expected to win again next year together with several additional ones. The complete list to date is: New York, University, College of the City of New York, Cornell, Colgate, College of the City of New York, Columbia, Syracuse, and St. Lawrence.

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Noted Actor's Audience Composed of B. U. And Technology Students.

Mr. Richard Bennett of the "Damaged Goods" company spoke on the subject of the play before an audience at Boston University yesterday noon. Tech men were invited to the gathering through the efforts of Mr. Talbot, and a goodly number were present. The speaker was introduced by Mr. Talbot.

Mr. Bennett emphasized that his first trouble was in the getting of actors and actresses to take parts in the play. This difficulty overcome, the question of a suitable theatre in which to stage the production arose. He found himself in no high-grade theatre. New York would take the Bricus play, and in other cities as well objections were raised by managers.

Finally a plan was adopted whereby the play was to be presented to private audiences only. A club was formed, membership to which was open to the public on the payment of initiation fees, and before which the play was given in "private." Owing to a strong public sentiment in favor of the production, the supper was successful, the police not interfering. After the performance had in this manner established itself upon a firm basis, little question was raised to its propriety, especially in view of the support given it by numerous medical journals.

In answer to questions which were asked after the speech, Mr. Bennett said that only two minor changes had been made in the original text of the piece as it is presented in Boston. Mayor Fitzgerald at first desired changes in many lines and scenes, but after a long conference with him, a conference which was brought about largely through the kindness of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, Mr. Bennett succeeded in inducing him to let the production go through in a form essentially identical with that in which it was written.

Mr. Talbot desires to express his thanks to the Tech men for so hearty a response to the invitation. More than a third of the audience were Tech men, many of the Faculty being present.

TALKS AT MUSEUM

The Museum of Fine Arts will hold a Demonstration Service next Sunday at 3:45 P. M. At 3:45 Mr. Henry L. Seaver, Assistant Professor of English at the Institute, will give a talk in the second print room on Auguste Raffet. In the third gallery of modern paintings, there will be a temporary exhibition from the Fogg Art Museum of Harvard University. Mr. Edward W. Forbes, Director of the Fogg Museum, will give a talk in this gallery.

Both talks will be free to all visitors.

RIFLE CLUB

The First Cadets Armory will be available for practice for members of the Rifle Club on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of the Christmas week. The team must be particularly interested in practice for the first match. Targets left for members may be had at the Cage today. Those members who plan to shoot will please charge E. J. Casselman '15, who will be in charge.

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Bursar Rand

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He discovered the opportunity to indulge a marked taste for history by visiting battlefields and learning details of the campaigns. Ultimately he was recalled to the home office, and for six years had charge of the shipping and outdoor advertising. Here he always showed ability and advancement.

On January 22, 1897, Mr. Rand married Miss Mary Augusta Batchelor, of Lowell, Massachusetts. Soon after he went to New Jersey as superintendent of a large manufacturing and shipping concern, but after a year, he accepted a more estimable position in the old Third Bank of Boston. He remained in this position for two years. Upon the consolidation of the bank with another a dollar and a half a year. All these things were reduced to a system which works as precisely as well-oiled machinery.

Even if Mr. Rand had stopped there, he would still have been an official of unusual effectiveness. He went, however, much further. Having turned his attention to the business of the office in proper order, he turned his attention to helping of needy students.

His idea, as given in his own words, was "to build up a fund, the income of which shall be used to assist students who give promise of becoming efficient engineers, but who for some reason, in some one term, failed to secure scholarship assistance, and need aid to enable them to complete the school year. There are many such cases, men who are unable to secure aid from the Scholarship Committee and who, perhaps, be obliged to leave the Institute, but may secure the payment of a term of the tuition."

The other arrangement of great convenience to students which Mr. Rand initiated was a banking system for students. The loss of Bursar Rand was felt at the bursar's office a deposit and draw upon it as a bank. The bursar must keep in order. He arranged the accounts dealing with the income, whether from the state, from investments, from donations or from tuition; the essential, though petty accounts, which have to do with chemical breakage, locker keys, and the many details of a similar nature; the salary accounts, the account for the maintenance of the buildings; for the equipment of the numerous laboratories; the scholarship accounts; those dealing with the purchase of periodicals and books for the library; and such other reckonings as postage, in a matter of two or three thousand dollars a year. All these things were reduced to a system which works as precisely as well-oiled machinery.

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