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## CONVOCATION WAS A BIG SUCCESS

**Dorrance Presides—Singing Led  
By Tallman—Talks by Men  
of Various Activities.**

When four-thirty yesterday afternoon arrived, Huntington Hall found itself filled, with every seat occupied and much of the available standing room taken. The immense gathering of Tech men was actually surprised at itself, and every Tech man wondered at the remarkable showing of enthusiasm and spirit in the manner in which the convocation was attended. It was without doubt the biggest convocation ever.

The big meeting was presided over by A. C. Dorrance '14, the Senior Class President. He opened the session in a little talk, saying that the primary object of the meeting was to give the students an opportunity to learn and rehearse the Tech songs and that for this purpose, V. M. F. Tallman '14, the leader of the Glee Club, would conduct the singing. Accordingly Tallman piloted the throng through the "Stein Song" and "On Rogers Steps," in a manner to arouse their latent abilities, and put into their singing every bit of enthusiasm and spirit. And Tallman succeeded very well. The various classes he made sing separately, and on one occasion when a difficult part of "The Cardinal and the Gray" was not sung well, he sang the troublesome verse through for the assemblage. It is needless to say that thereafter, the verse was correctly sung.

Dorrance, who is Chairman of the Institute Committee, then gave a brief report of the work of that Committee during the past year. He told of the sub-committee which was appointed to confer with the Alumni on the Walker Memorial, saying that it is serving an invaluable purpose in giving the Alumni the undergraduate point of view. One of the foremost accomplishments of the Committee was the drawing up of a uniform class constitution. The three lower classes have already adopted the constitution. Yish-ka-bibble, he stated, cleared over five hundred dollars for athletics. Another sub-committee is at present making an investigation of the Co-operative Society, with a view towards a revision and re-organization of that society, resulting in bigger profits for Tech students. Tech Show 1913 brought over six hundred dollars, and Technique 1915 over seven hundred dollars. In closing his report Chairman Dorrance spoke of the splendid work of the Point System Committee and of the Union Committee.

Guething '14, who spoke on Athletics. Dorrance then introduced T. H.

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## REV. W. A. KNIGHT TELLS OF MODERN JERUSALEM

**Treachery and Vice Prevalent  
Today—Historic Sites  
Described.**

A novelty in T. C. A. talks was given yesterday noon in the Union, when the Rev. W. A. Knight spoke on "A Ramble Outside the Walls of Jerusalem." Mr. Knight, who is pastor of the Brighton Congregational church in Brighton, is well known as an author and traveller, and on account of his long sojourns in the Holy Land, is particularly well qualified to describe it.

The first thing that impresses one, Mr. Knight said, in and around the eastern shores of the Mediterranean is the poverty, squalor and degradation of the entire region. In the large cities especially, such as Alexandria, vice rules practically unchecked. When he first saw these conditions, he could not help marvelling that such a wonderful character as that of the Master could develop there.

Jerusalem itself is no exception to the rule. Mr. Knight graphically portrayed the treachery that now prevails there, in citing some of his adventures. To make these more realistic, he showed a panoramic view of the city, on which he pointed out the places of interest and the route he followed in his walk. The picture was taken from the east side of the city, over the valley of the brook Kedron, and shows the famous East Wall, the Mosque of Omar, which is close by the site of Solomon's temple, and the sealed Golden Gate, through which it is claimed the Christians will once more enter Jerusalem.

Mr. Knight arrived in the American colony on the Tuesday of Holy Week. Wednesday was stormy, but in the evening there were signs of clearing, and he decided to go out alone. He rounded the northeastern corner of the walls and came down into the little valley just as the full "Passover" moon broke through the clouds. For a few moments, he said, not a man was in sight, and he stood alone looking on the arena wherein were enacted the last scenes of the Savior's life. This first sight of Geth-

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## GLEE CLUB NOTICE

There will be a Glee Club Rehearsal today in the Union at five o'clock. The coach will be at this rehearsal, the Show management has been seen, and all men in the Show are excused from the Show for this rehearsal. The "Drinking Song," and also the "Worry Cow" are to be learned. This will probably be the last coach rehearsal before the concert, and all men are therefore requested to be on time.

## COUNCIL AWARDS INSTITUTE INSIGNIA

**First T's in Wrestling Given to  
Four Men—Hockey Men  
Get Rewarded.**

At the last meeting of the Advisory Council on Athletic awards of Institute insignia were made to the men on the various teams, principally hockey and wrestling, awarding of numerals for the Freshmen-Sophomore wrestling meet was also passed by the Advisory Council.

In wrestling the first awards of T's were made to the following men: Treat, Kelly, Smythe-Martin and Loo. The first three men are Seniors and have been on the wrestling team ever since it has been a varsity sport and were instrumental in getting it recognized as such. Treat is a Course II man and President of the Mechanical Engineering Society, and last year captained the team. Kelly made a reputation as a wrestler before coming here. This year he captained the team and went through the season without a defeat. He is a Course I man. Smythe-Martin has been manager of the team this year and two years ago was captain when he and Means first organized a team. Loo, the other man that was awarded a T, is a Sophomore and has been a consistent winner the last two years in the 115-pound class. He is taking Courses II and IV. Awards of WTT were made to Crowell, Morse, Means, Leslie, Durkee, Rounds and Goodell.

The hockey team awards were made at the same meeting to Sawyer, Cochrane, Winton and Lowengard for work on the hockey team this last season. These men were awarded the FITT for playing in more than two-thirds of the games.

The Advisory Council also awarded a CTC to E. M. Newlin '14 for four years' work in cross-country and for having scored in the I. C. A. A. A. meet in New York last fall.

## DRESS REHEARSAL

The first dress rehearsal of the Tech Show will be held at the Boston Opera House tonight. Only men who actually appear in the Show will be admitted, and they should all be on hand promptly at six-thirty. The regular full rehearsal is to be omitted this afternoon. The orchestra will not be needed tonight, but will have practice from four until six in the Union.

## TENNIS COURT

Owing to the bad condition of the ground due to the heavy rains, the work on the tennis courts of the Tech Field in Brookline has been greatly hindered. It is expected that they will be ready very soon.

## JOINT BANQUET A BIG SUCCESS

**Cosmopolitan Clubs of Harvard  
and Technology Meet  
At Thorndike.**

Dean Burton acted as toastmaster last night at the joint banquet of the Technology and Harvard Cosmopolitan Clubs. Dean Burton toasted the railroads and steamship lines, saying that they made the world smaller and man broader. Z. Y. Chow, President of the Technology Club was the first speaker of the evening and welcomed the Harvard Club. L. DeJ. Harvard responded for the Harvard men and thanked the Technology Club for the invitation to the joint banquet.

E. D. Mead spoke on the subject of "Peace" to the gathering and in closing spoke of the Harvard-Tech feeling, hoping that it would become more brotherly. He also heartily urged co-operation. Mr. Blackstein also spoke and traced the history of the cosmopolitan movement down to the time of Confucius. About sixty were present at the dinner which was quite a success.

## SOCIETY OF ARTS TALK

Prof. Richard S. Lull, of the department of Vertebrate Paleontology of Yale University, will give a talk on the "Evolution of the Elephant." This is another of the series that is being given under the auspices of the Society of Arts and will come at 8.00 p. m. in Huntington Hall.

## JUNIOR PROM

Programs for the Junior Prom are ready. All those who have not paid up should do so immediately.

## CALENDAR

Friday, April 10, 1914.

2.30—Courses VII vs. XIII. Baseball Field.  
4.00—Crew Practice.  
4.15—Show Chorus Rehearsal. Union.  
4.30—Banjo Club 6 Lowell.  
4.30—1915 vs. 1917 Baseball. Field.  
6.30—Show Dress Rehearsal. Opera House.  
8.00—Society of Arts, Huntington Hall.

Saturday, April 11, 1914.

2.00—Show Dress Rehearsal. Union.  
2.30—Freshman-Sophomore Track Meet. Field.  
7.30—Chess Club. Union.

The University of Southern California has discontinued Rugby Football after having maintained a team for three years. It is expected that this will throw the institution from the athletic limelight on the Pacific coast as Rugby is the form played at most of the other colleges.

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## IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE.

Editors: Mr. Gray and Mr. Hewins.  
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All who attended the convocation realize that it accomplished its chief purpose with decided success. The efficiency of the musical side of the management left nothing to be desired except longer time for practice. The enthusiasm with which the reports of activities were heard was equally gratifying, and the large attendance and general good spirit indicate that the students are not behind in the upward trend of all pertaining to Technology.

Of the two hundred and forty men who signed up for the Junior Prom, only one hundred and fifty have paid. As a consequence, the committee is completely at sea since they counted upon such a small margin of profit that the full attendance is necessary in order to pay expenses.

The delinquents do not seem to realize that, having signed up, they are honor-bound to carry out their part of the contract, and pay the balance at the time agreed upon. The preliminary deposit does not in any sense cover the signer's responsibility.

Payments and new sign-ups may be made in the Union any day during noon hour, or any day but Saturday between 4.00 and 5.00.

The Freshman Baseball Team showed the proper spirit in cancelling

## ENGINEERING AND SCIENTIFIC NOTES

### Solar Eclipse.

Persons located north of a line drawn from Washington, D. C., to Indianapolis will, if they are energetic enough to arise at that hour and uncompromising clouds do not intervene, have a chance to witness a partial solar eclipse at sunrise on the morning of April 21st. A total eclipse will be visible only north of 70 degrees latitude. The United States Naval Observatory has issued full calculations and maps of the eclipse.

### Kapok.

This odd sounding name refers to a silky vegetable fibre which grows in the seed pods of a tropical tree on the island of Java. The value of this material lies in its imperviousness to water and its remarkable buoyancy, for Java kapok in a cushion of real or artificial leather will support twenty times its own weight in water for a period of two months. An ordinary mattress stuffed with kapok will easily support a man, and if it becomes compact by continued soaking or pressure, an exposure to the sun will cause it to swell to its original volume and buoyancy. The navy has already made a number of satisfactory tests of this material and, as a device recommended by the navy is likely to find favor with the merchant marine, an equipment of kapok mattresses and cushions will probably be added before long to the increasing list of weapons for fighting the "perils of the deep." Other valuable features are that kapok is not readily inflammable and that, in the process of manufacture, the kapok fibres are treated with a compound which renders them vermin-proof.

### Scientific Ascents.

Although many balloon ascents by human beings for the scientific study of the upper atmosphere have been rendered unnecessary by the use of automatic recording apparatus, nevertheless a remarkable series of personal ascents have recently been made in Germany, some of them to an altitude of 31,000 feet. In one ascent radio apparatus was carried in the balloon and a test made of the audibility of signals at different altitudes. In others, specimens of the air were taken at great altitudes for the purpose of chemical analysis. Measurements of the electrical potential gradient and conductivity were also made.

### Government Wireless.

The Scientific American for April 4, 1914, contains an interesting illustrated article on the large government wireless station at Radio, Va., which is the first of a chain of powerful stations designed to perfect a system of continuous radio service

their Somerville game which conflicted with the mass-meeting. Their schedule was published before the date of the latter was decided, but there were so many limitations on the time of the latter that something had to be sacrificed.

between the different parts of the United States and her dependencies.

### Some Soot.

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**MASS MEETING**  
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He briefly outlined the past, telling of the relay team which has been defeated only once, and then by Harvard with a record-breaking team. The cross-country team has been the best yet; the wrestling team—that is about as far as Guething got, for here he was interrupted with a ringing round of applause—has yet to meet defeat. Guething stated that the track on the new site will be completed this summer and will be ready for use in the fall—and here there was some more applause. Guething spoke of the prospects for this spring. The foremost meets will be the Freshmen-Sophomore meet next Saturday, the Spring meet on Friday of Junior Week, and the meets with Holy Cross and with Bowdoin.

After some more instruction in the art of singing by Tallman, H. R. Crowell '15, Editor-in-chief of Technique 1915, was introduced. Crowell announced that the rush would start at 1.30 Wednesday noon, and will be held in the vacant lot in the rear of the Copley Plaza. There will be no obstruction this year, the management believing, stated Crowell, that there would be "a better scrap" without the barrier. There will be a parade, which will start on Rogers steps, at about 1.00 o'clock, headed by the band of twenty pieces which Sousa Brooks has been training and coaching for the past several months. The parade will go up Newbury street, down Exeter street, and then proceed to the scene of the rush. Speaking of the book, Crowell stated that it was a work of art, and mentioned particularly the work of O. R. Freeman, the Art Editor. Technique 1915 will be the best ever, according to its Editor-in-chief.

Frank Scully, president of the Junior Class, and Chairman of the Prom Committee, spoke of the Junior Prom. He said that the committee is doing everything in its power to make the Prom a good one. Of 240 sign-ups, only 150 have paid up. Scully urged the men who have not yet paid up to do so at once. He also stated that there was still an opportunity to sign-up for the prom and then to pay up.

The various talks were interspersed with rousing yells and cheers for the different speakers, and the final cheer a regular M. I. T. with three MacLaurin's on the end, concluded the biggest undergraduate meeting that Huntington Hall had seen in some time.

**FRESHMEN VS. JUNIORS**

The Freshmen and the Juniors will meet in a practice game at the Field this afternoon at 4.30. All the men on the Freshmen squad will get a show in the game and it is likely that the men that play against the Sophomores the sixteenth will be picked from those that play today.

**SHOW CHORUS**

The Show Chorus will rehearse both this afternoon at 4.15, in the Union, and again tonight with the rest of the Show at the Opera House.

**FRESHMEN MEET  
SOPHS SATURDAY**

**Events Will Be Closely Contested—Freshmen Handicapped Quite Heavily.**

The Freshman-Sophomore meet that is to take place Saturday afternoon has all the prospects of being closely contested throughout. Some of the star men on the Freshman team are out and will be unable to compete. This will more than overcome the handicap that the Sophs are under on account of lack of training. Day in the sprints and hurdles will be unable to enter as will Parker in the mile.

All the regular field and track events that come off in intercollegiate meets will be on the list. The addition of the broad jump, the hammer and discus will change the results so that no definite predictions can be made as to the winner. The Sophs are strong in the jump while the Freshmen in Seymour are sure of a good place in the other events.

The most interesting of the races will be the mile, half and quarter with such men as Benson, Guething, Read and Dean for the Sophs pitted against Litchfield, Donnelly, Brock, Bell and Allen of the Freshmen. Donnelly and Guething are old rivals in the half and each will do his best to win.

The Freshmen will probably carry off all the places in the hurdles as they did in the indoor meet as no Sophomores have yet developed that can come up to what the Freshmen can put up in this particular event. That the Freshmen will not clean up all the places in the shot put as they did indoors can be assured as several Sophs have come out recently with this very purpose in view.

The meet will be one that will not be decided until the very end as the competition will be keen and the races close. The teams are evenly matched in many of the events and what one class gains in one event will be balanced by the other class in some other run.

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**FANNY'S FIRST PLAY**

**T. C. A. TALK**

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semame and Olivet were to him impressive beyond words.

He was soon recalled to reality, however, by an evil looking black, who called to him to come in out of the rain, which was again beginning to fall. Knowing the treachery of the natives, he refused, and went on down to the bridge over the Kedron. While standing there, he heard a splashing behind him, and turning, saw the same man again. The latter became insistent in demands, and it was only after a personal conflict that Mr. Knight was able to get rid of him. He returned in pitch dark, and finally managed to safely regain a familiar road. On his way back, he passed through an olive orchard to a hill on the north side of the city, where he met a man leading a poor, whining old woman. He reflected that even in the midst of such depravity and treachery, there were still some kind-hearted people. After this, he soon regained the colony.

The next morning he found that the hill he had visited was the so-called "Gordon's Calvary." By many this is claimed to be the place of crucifixion, although tradition says that the crucifixion took place where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands. The position of recently discovered ruins of a former city wall would seem to disprove tradition, however, while there is a rather remarkable coincidence between the biblical description of the place of crucifixion and the hill. The Bible characterizes it as the "place of skulls" and the domed hill bears a great resemblance to a human skull. In fact, there are on its side two caves and a hollow which augment the resemblance. Mr. Knight spent the entire morning of Good Friday on this hill, looking over the city and the entire scene of the trial and death of the Savior. Meanwhile the bells of the Christian towers tolled incessantly, and Mr. Knight said he could picture to himself most vividly how nineteen hundred years ago Christ came down one of these same streets, despised, and reviled, and suffering, to an ignominious death which, through him was made glorious.

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**SUTHERLAND CHOSEN  
ASSISTANT MANAGER**

Illness Forces Whitwell To Resign from the Position.

David Sutherland '14 has been chosen assistant to the General Manager of the Tech Show. This position was held for a short time by George E. Whitwell '14, but he was forced to resign because of serious illness. Sutherland was then considered as the most capable man available for the place.

Sutherland lives in Minneapolis, and went to Williams College before entering the Institute. Since coming here he has been very prominent in student activities. He was secretary-treasurer of his Technique Electoral Board and was then elected Business Manager for last year's Technique. He ran on the class cross-country team. He is on the 1914 Class Day Committee. He is a member of the Mechanical Engineering Society, the Walker Club, Theta Nu Epsilon, Osiris and Theta Tau.

The position which he now holds on the Tech Show is a responsible one and one that requires a great amount of attention. Aside from assisting General Manager Keith in conducting the regular Show business, he has entire charge of the Providence production of "A Royal Johnnie."

**CREW PRACTICE**

Regular Crew practice will be held on the river this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon. The management wants all the fifty men that reported the other day to show up for practice.

**CLOSE COMPETITION  
EXPECTED IN HURDLES**

Huff '15 Picked as Probable Winner of Both High and Low Hurdles.

With only a few men entered in the hurdle races to be held at the spring meet, the competition for second and third place will be especially strong. This will be a good chance for men who have had but little experience to show what they really can do with only a few weeks of outdoor training. The following men have signified their intentions of running both the high and low hurdles: Huff '15, Curtis '15, Foster '15, and Sewall '17. Beside these Atwood '14 and Clarke '17 are entered in the low hurdles and are expected to make a good showing.

The men expected to enter in the hammer throw are L. G. Miller '15, Conway '15, MacRae '16, J. R. Stevens '17, Seymour '17, and Althouse '17. L. G. Miller comes from a western college and is a new man at Tech this year. He has been doing especially good work in the trials and is picked as the possible winner.

Trials for the Relay Teams of all four classes will be held next Monday and Tuesday at the Field and Coach Kanaly wishes that all men who expect to enter report on those days.

The Intercollegiate Fencing finals will be held in New York, today and tomorrow.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

At the meeting of the Finance Committee held last night in the Union the committee adopted a new form of blanks for the submitting of the reports of the various activities. Special discussion on the new Technology Monthly was held. The Prom Committee reported that owing to the present rate at which the money was coming in, the arrangements for the Prom could not be carried out as planned. The date of the dinner given by "Pa" Coburn to the committee was announced as probably the fourteenth of May.

It is reported that a shake-up in the Princeton crews will take place before the end of the week.

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