Technique Competition.

A novel competition is about to be started among the freshmen by this year's technique board. A prize consisting of one copy of *Technique 1902* is to be given to the Freshman who sends in the five best grinds on his professors and on the members of his class. Any one man may send in as many grinds as he chooses, and they should be sent in promptly, as in the case of duplicates, credit will be given for the one received first. No time has as yet been set for the close of the competition which is to begin immediately. All grinds are to be accompanied by the name and class of the sender and are to be left at the cage addressed as follows, "Technique Grinds."

It is to be hoped that the Freshmen will enter this competition with interest as the grinds form an important feature of *Technique*, and it may be added that the prize should be no small incentive to a lively contest.

Civil Engineering Society.

Professor Sedgwick addressed the Civil Engineering Society on Wednesday, December 5th on "Some Historic Sicknesses and their Sanitary Lessons for Engineers." The sicknesses described were the Black Death with its lesson of the importance of public and private cleanliness; the sickness from the Black Hole of Calcutta, with its lessons touching proper ventilation and the dangers of over-crowding; Asiatic Cholera and the Broad Street (London) well, teaching the dangers of polluted grand waters; and the epidemic of Typhoid fever from the Plymouth (Penn.) reservoir, illustrating the dangers of polluted surface water supplies. Each example was briefly described and its lessons, especially for engineers, clearly indicated and emphasized.

If marriage is a lottery, love-letters ought not to be allowed in the mails.—Ex.

Tech Exchanges.


The Biological Journal Club.

At the last meeting, December 4th, of the Biological Journal Club two unusually important papers were read, one by Professor Hough, giving the results of his original studies on muscular work, fatigue and muscular soreness as shown by the ergograph; the other by Mr. J. G. Jack, instructor in dendrology, on certain dwarf mistletoes, parasitic on trees. Both papers were illustrated by the stereopticon.

A regular meeting of the Class of 1902 was held on Wednesday, December 5th. A committee to take charge of the Junior Class photograph for *Technique 1902*, consisting of Messrs. A. E. Lombard, P. Y. Curry, and I. R. Adams was appointed by President Cates. An appropriation of $5.00 to help defray the expenses of the Institute Committee for the current year was voted by the class.

The photograph of the class for *Technique 1902* will be taken on the steps of the Natural History Building on Wednesday, December 12th at 1:00 p. m. It is hoped everyone will come out for the picture. The above date is dependent upon the weather.

"Nodding succeeds like failure."—Ex.