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## THE INSTITUTE.

### A Review of Technology's New Magazine

*The Institute*, whose first issue greeted the returning student body, with the beginning of the term, is a monthly magazine, undertaking in a serious way some quite substantial work, and therefore deserves welcome and the compliments of exacting criticism.

The function of a college magazine is to store or house in permanent form the maturer expressions of undergraduate life, whether literary or other, and to present in editorial or contributed articles the most deliberate consideration of the widest and most permanent problems of the life of the Institution. And even in this, its first attempt, —without the long and helpful traditions an older paper would enjoy—*The Institute* really performs many of these magazine functions.

Of literary features it is unfair yet to criticize the continued story. The Primer, in the kindergarten vein so comically exploited by Oliver Herford and George Ade, is amusing; the piece of verse is a pretty bit of that kind of poetry first made dear to modern readers by Stevenson in the *Child's Garden*, the expression in rhyme of the simple, clear, and essentially poetic temper of childhood.

The paragraphs of scientific news under the rather oracular title, *Through the Grating*, meets a distinct need of the Tech undergraduate. Several times recently it has become evident that Tech students to a surprising and even discreditable degree, are ignorant or even indifferent as to the discoveries and progress of modern scientific studies. Brief reports, thoroughly digested and carefully expressed in this column, will be very well worth while.

Immensely worth while is the class of contributions represented by the account of Tech parades. For nothing counts for more in invigorating and chastening the college spirit of an old institution than a general knowledge of, and reverence for, her past customs and traditions.

Of editorial discussion of Institute

problems the first number contains nothing. The articles on the Deficit and on the Alumni Reunion are, however, distinctly—and valuably—of controversial character. It is earnestly to be hoped that graduates and members of the Faculty will—as is often done, for instance in the *Harvard Monthly*—make the college magazine the medium of addressing the graduate and undergraduate—or even the general public.

Minor criticism might suggest that magazine material deserves more careful proof-reading and that, if not specially unadvisable, or impossible, signature to all except editorial articles is not only interesting but important. One's main impression, however, is that *The Institute* is a periodical that may be, and at once promises to be, of permanent service.

### Walker Club Meeting.

The first meeting of the Walker Club was held at 44 Rogers, Friday, Sept. 30, with Pres. Marsh in the chair. Prof. Pearson was appointed to draw up a letter of condolence expressing the sorrow of the club at the loss of the late John A. Fremmer. The following men were elected to membership, L. B. Turner, '05, S. T. Strickland, '05, Geo. B. Jones, '05, M. A. Coe, '06, N. Fallon, '06, C. G. Loring, '06, L. G. Blodgett, '06, P. B. Stanley, '06, H. E. Darling '06, C. T. Bartlett, '06, D. G. Robbins, '07, and A. H. Donnewald, '07. The election of an executive committee and the arrangements for a reception to the college graduates were postponed until the next regular meeting.

### Tennis.

A meeting was held in 11 Rogers on Monday to discuss tennis affairs at the Institute. Henry was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Carruth, who did not return to the Institute this year. A short discussion took place in regard to the coming fall tournament, and about the new courts at Wigglesworth Field. It is believed that the latter will not be ready this fall. An attempt will be made to hold the finals in the tournament at Longwood in order to accustom the players to the courts, so that our players in the Intercollegiate Tournament next spring will not find them unfamiliar.

## OUR FENCING TEAM.

### Last Year's Envious Record to be Surpassed.

With the results of the past two years to look back upon, it is now time for every man to come forward and give his support to this side of Tech's athletics. Last year the results were all that could be expected, and Tech showed that she had men who could form a fencing team which she could be proud of. This year the prospects of a winning team are better than ever. The team will, however, be a failure unless it receives financial support. It is therefore desirable that all those men who are interested in fencing organize themselves into a club or association to support the team.

This year meets have been arranged with a number of colleges, and an attempt is being made to obtain membership in the Intercollegiate Fencing Association of New York. Several of the matches will be fenced in Boston, and it requires money to make them a success.

The outlook for fencing next year and the year after is far from satisfactory. There are good, skillful fencers at the Institute now, and likely to be next year as men are coming every year from Annapolis, and who are, many of them, excellent fencers. The men alone, however, cannot make the team successful, and unless all those who are interested in fencing organize themselves the team will not be a success.

There are splendid chances for competitions between the classes, which would prove both interesting and instructive. There are enough men in every class to form good class fencing teams, and such contests would excite enthusiasm for, and greatly strengthen the Team.

Now is the time for the men interested in this class of sport to take the matter in hand and develop a Tech fencing team which will stand on a par with those of other colleges.

### 1906 Technique.

A meeting was held yesterday. Assignments were made to the Editorial Staff, and a very encouraging report was made by the Art Staff.

## TRACK TEAM.

Monday afternoon about forty men reported at the Irvington oval to train for the Fall Handicap meet which will take place in a couple of weeks. This practice will continue every afternoon at four p.m. until the meet. Every man who is interested at all in track work should report for training immediately. No partiality is shown and every man coming out will receive attention from Coach Mahan. This is a good chance to receive the benefit of the training under a competent coach and to identify yourself with the track team. From the showing the men make in the Spring and Fall Handicap meets the Varsity Track Team in the spring is made up, so put on your running togs and report at the Oval this afternoon.

### HARE AND HOUNDS.

The run last week was from the Melrose Y. M. C. A. and was participated in by about twenty-five men. There were numerous blinds which delayed the hounds considerable and made the run more interesting. O. H. Starkweather, '07 and R. E. Bell, '05 were the first to arrive at the bags. At the finish, G. H. Ruggles, '06, lead the hounds with E. H. Lorenz, '05, second; K. G. Chipman, '07 and C. A. Howard, '06, took third and fourth places respectively.

### 1907 Elections.

Ballots for the coming election of officers of the class of 1907 may be obtained at the Cage from Tuesday to Friday inclusive, from 1 to 2 o'clock. All ballots must be returned to the Cage before 4 p.m., Friday, October 7.

### Prof. Wilhelm Ostwald.

Professor Wilhelm Ostwald, the great German scientist, of Leipzig, spoke before the members of the instructing staffs of the Chemical and Physical Departments last Monday. His remarks were short and consisted of reminiscences of famous investigators with whom he had worked.

Prof. E. G. Smith, of Beloit College, Wisconsin, is spending half a year at the Institute.