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THE CABOT MEDAL.

Award for 1903-04.

In 1900, Mr. Samuel Cabot, a member of the Corporation, offered medals for students who should make the greatest gain during the school year in physical development.

The medal has just been completed. It is of French bronze, and is three inches in diameter. It was designed by Mr. Henry H. Kitson, the noted sculptor.



On its face is the figure of an athlete holding in his right hand a winged victory bearing a laurel wreath, and in his left hand a palm. On the reverse of the medal, between two flaming torches, is a miniature of the Rogers Building, with the following inscription underneath:

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL TRAINING,
MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY.

It was the donor's desire to impress the students with the value of physical training, and to awaken a wider interest in gymnasium work. To this end particular emphasis was laid on the fact that the medals were not to be given for the greatest strength, but for the most noticeable improvement in physical development through regular attendance at the gymnasium.

In May, 1901, the Committee on Award made the following recommendations:

First. That prizes be presented at the beginning of each school year to those students who, in the judgment of a committee appointed by the President, have made marked improvement from attention to physical

training during the preceding year.

Second. That these prizes consist of bronze medals which shall be known as the "Cabot Medals for Improvement in Physical Training," and that no distinction of rank be made in awarding them.

Third. That the number to be awarded each year be left to the discretion of the Committee of Award, and be determined by the number of men whom the Committee



shall consider to have made sufficient physical improvement to entitle them to the honor.

The medals have been awarded each year, since the gift was made, but the long delay in obtaining the medals has prevented the presentation until the present year. Although this is to be regretted, every one who has been awarded a medal will receive one in the near future, and will be well repaid for waiting.

The medals for the year 1903-04, were awarded to the following students: F. B. Poole, '05; J. C. Damon, '04; and J. P. Stow, Jr., '07; while the following received honorable mention: E. T. Henius, '06; E. M. Graham, '05; W. B. Boggs, '04; V. H. Paquet, '05, and P. J. Ralph.

Freshman Dinner.

A large and enthusiastic number of freshmen turned out last night to attend their class dinner at Tech Union. The results of the class election were announced as follows: President, C. H. McGuigan; Vice-president, W. E. Weinz; Treasurer, T. W. Orr; Secretary, W. B. Given; Directors, D. Cairns and H. E. Allen.

All Freshmen who wish '08 flags for Field Day, please leave names at Cage at once for W. F. Dolke, '08.

AFFIDAVITS ARE TAKEN.

The response to the notice in *THE TECH*, calling for affidavits in regard to last Wednesday's rupture with the police, has been very general. Mr. Taintor, the counsel for the Institute of Technology will be in Room 9, Engineering C, from 10 to 12 A.M., and from 1 to 5 P.M., ready to receive testimony from any witness. Mr. Taintor will be pleased to hear from those who saw the fight but do not care to make affidavits.

Society of Arts.

The 600th regular meeting of the Society of Arts will be held at Huntington Hall on Thursday evening, November 10, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. J. Pickering Putnam, the architect, will address the Society on "Sanitary Plumbing and Our Plumbing Laws, with Suggestions for Their Revision and Simplification."

Professor W. T. Sedgwick of the Institute, Hon. Robert Treat Paine, Dr. Durgin of the Boston Board of Health, Prof. D. Porter of the Institute, and several other noted authorities will also give brief discussions upon the subject.

Mining Engineering Society.

A meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held Wednesday, November 9, at 4.15 P.M., in Room 2, Rogers Building. Mr. J. Daniels will speak on "Placer Mining in Alaska," and Mr. W. L. Spalding will give a talk on "Lode Mining in Alaska."

There are still a few reserved seats left for Field Day. These will be placed on sale to-day (Wednesday), and Thursday, 11.30-2 P.M., in Rogers corridor. All men who bought seats at auction must get theirs at this time. They will not be held later than Thursday, 2 P.M.

H. J. MANN.

Notice.

Tech Night will be at the Globe Theatre, Saturday, November 12. Sophomores who have not secured tickets should see S. K. Poole.

The Mandolin Club want a good mandola player.

THE INSTITUTE.

A Review of the Second Number.

The *Institute*, in its second issue, continues to justify its existence by several articles of special interest to Tech men. That our Field Day is delightful because it gives a view of undergraduate life that the undergraduate alone can know and tell,—a glimpse at the picturesque live, even heroic incidents of student life which feed tradition and give the college world its peculiar charm. It is gratifying, too, to find in the report of the *Fund Committee*, communication from graduates to the student body, through this which is the natural and should be the common medium for more deliberate and detailed discussion of Institute affairs. It would be unfortunate if the timely—though not entirely coherent—article on *College Spirit* should mislead any one by miscalling the author of *Mr. John Corbin's* breezy "American at Oxford."

The articles not especially addressed to Technology readers seem more appropriate than some of last month. Of course, no college monthly can or would compete with the large magazines addressed to the general public; the college periodical properly publishes only college reading matter. Articles on subjects of general interest acquire, however, this necessary local and special character, when written by persons—in or out of the faculty—who are well known to the college world. Personal interest in the Profs, for instance, makes even their political views momentarily of interest to college men; and college journals,—at Harvard, for example—report such a canvas. If the general reading matter in the *Institute* is contributed by well-known Tech teachers or graduates, it would seem deprived of its most genuine interest and its real appropriateness there, if it is unsigned.

In its artistic aspect this issue seems inferior to the former. The frontispiece is more interesting; but the decoration for the poem page—as well as the poem itself—is much cruder than that of the October issue. The cartoons, where crudity or finish is irrelevant and fun alone important, are really better.