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The verdict of the Police Commission is a complete victory for President Pritchett. While the students come in for a share of the displeasure, the police have received a terrible blow. In spite of the denials, both at the preliminary hearing and at the trial, that there was no clubbing, the report implicitly states that the police were lying. This, perhaps, is one reason for the severe punishment administered. President Pritchett's demands, almost to a letter, were carried out by the verdict.

President Pritchett has been the target for a good deal of abuse because he did not tell the students about the police arrangements. The reasons are as follows: In the first place, Dr. Pritchett did not know that the parade was going to pass Rogers steps. The deflection was due to the police themselves. Again, Dr. Pritchett, through Mr. Rand, asked for four or five policemen to be placed on the steps simply as a safeguard, as had been done several times before. It would have been foolish to ask the students to keep off the steps, because a few policemen were there to keep the steps clear after the lecture. Further, if there was to be trouble with the

Harvard students, the five policemen asked for would have been unable to do anything more than act as a moral check upon the men. If Dr. Pritchett had understood that there were going to be 150 policemen in the neighborhood he would have had some reason to speak to the students.

Christmas at Tech.

About 135 men accepted Dr. and Mrs. Pritchett's invitation to meet them at the Union on Christmas Eve.

Dr. Pritchett called the assembly to order and preached a short sermon on good-fellowship. He introduced Prof. R. W. Cone, one of Boston's best elocutionists, who gave several well-received readings. Interest next centered on the Christmas tree. Gifts were distributed by Mrs. Pritchett and Mr. Rand to every one present.

Mr. Mixer, who is the retiring president of the Alumni Association, told the men about Technology spirit. It is a spirit which works always for the benefit of the school. He urged that the honor system be established at Technology. The enjoyable evening closed after the men had sung a few songs.

The Technology Club entertained sixteen Institute men at Christmas dinner on Monday, December 26. After dinner the party went to the Lilliard room, where a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The Club was represented by its president and Dean Burton.



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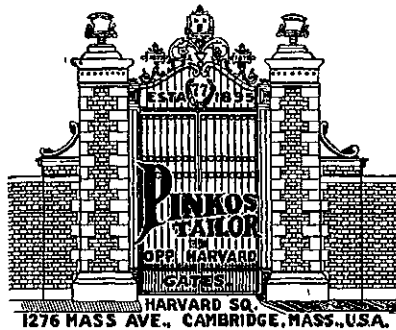
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