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THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Dependent on The Decision of The Superior Court Now in Session.

The future of Technology from present prospects depends largely on the decision of the Superior Court which is now considering the suits of the Natural History Society and the other abutters against the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Everything hinges upon the question as to whether the square upon which the Rogers and the Walker Buildings now stand, shall "be reserved from sale forever, and kept as an open space."

This question is the result of certain restrictions provided by the grant of 1861, which gave to the Institute the use of the western two-thirds of the block on Boylston Street which is now occupied by the Walker and the Rogers Buildings. The two most important restrictions were: That the Institute shall build on but one-third of its allotted ground; and that the square shall "be reserved from sale forever, and kept as an open space."

These restrictions were withdrawn by the General Court, by an act passed in May, 1903, whereupon the Institute immediately began the erection of a new building on the hitherto forbidden ground between Rogers and Walker. This caused the Natural History Society and two other abutters to sue in equity to restrain the Institute from erecting said building. They claim that their lots were sold at a higher figure than others not facing on the square, their value having been greatly influenced by assurances that the square was to be perpetually maintained as an open space and a sort of public park. Basing their case on this, they claim, therefore, an "equitable easement."

The consideration of the claim of one of the abutters was begun by the Superior Court, the first part of December last, and probably will not be finished for at least two or three months. The decision of the Court, which is reserved until after the trial of the suit by the abutters, will be heard with much interest, as it will decide whether the Institute will remain at its present location for the next ten years.

INSTRUCTOR'S CLUB.

Second Monthly Dinner Held at the Union.

The Instructor's Club held its second monthly dinner on Tuesday, January 10, at 7 p.m., at the Union. The dinner was very successful, about sixty members being present.

Professor Richards was the guest of the evening, and received a very hearty welcome from the instructors.

Immediately after the dinner, President Foljambe introduced Mr. Ross Turner, the speaker of the evening, who spoke on "Primitive Art and Ornament," and its relation to the present. The lecture was well illustrated by blackboard and stereopticon views, and a very interesting account of art in its primitive state was given. The lecture was followed by a short business meeting.

Choice of Course Lecture.

Twenty-five First-year men met in the Architectural Lecture Room Monday afternoon to hear Professor Chandler's remarks on the Department of Architecture.

Professor Chandler pointed out the great difference that exists between the architect of a generation ago and the architect of to-day. He also explained the method and the purpose of the work at the Institute, and, after his talk, conducted the men through the rooms of the Department.

Professor Sedgwick's Lectures.

Professor Sedgwick's course of Lowell Institute Lectures, which began Monday and continues on Monday and Thursday evenings for five weeks, should be of great interest to men of Courses I and XI. The subject is "The Sanitation of Cities." Tickets can be obtained of C. E. A. Winslow, Room 28 A, Pierce Building.

Professor Prescott Honored.

Professor S. C. Prescott and several other members of the staff of the Biological Department read papers at the meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists held in Philadelphia, December 27 and 28. Professor Prescott was elected Vice-President of the Society for the ensuing year.

1906 CLASS PICTURE.

To Be Taken at 1 P.M. To-day.

Weather permitting, the Class Picture will be taken to-day at 1 p.m. sharp, in front of Rogers. Should the conditions be unfavorable for this third attempt, it will be postponed until 1 p.m. to-morrow, January 12. It is essential that all members of the Class be present.

Prom Committee.

Nominations for the Junior Prom Committee resulted as follows: L. G. Blodgett, S. C. Coey, W. B. Englis, F. W. Friend, J. E. Griffin, F. B. Guest, W. J. Knapp, J. Lage, J. T. Lawton, C. G. Loring, L. Mesmer, R. P. Reynolds, P. B. Stanley, M. E. Vinton. Each man votes for five men for the Committee. Ballots must be at the Cage before 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, addressed to the Electoral Committee.

Hockey.

There will be a game with Harvard this afternoon at 3 p.m. on Soldiers Field. The following men will report on Rogers steps at 2.30 p.m.: Henderson, Redding, Tylee, Sharpe, Gilkinson, Ford, Miller, Lourel, Reid, Coupal, Coleman, Hill.

M. I. T. A. A.

There will be a meeting of the M. I. T. A. A. on Friday, January 13, in 22 Rogers, to elect an assistant manager for the Track Team, and to discuss plans for the B. A. A. games.

Musical Club Notice.

The pictures of the combined clubs will be taken at Chickering's, 21 West Street, Saturday, January 14, at 2 o'clock sharp. Dress suits and instruments.

Saturday Kommers.

Sophomore Night at the Kommers has been postponed until next term. The members of the committee in charge are, H. S. Wanson, E. H. Packard, O. G. Fales, A. F. Bancroft, R. B. Sanders. The Freshman Committee consists of W. E. Adams and H. Childs.

CIVIC CLUB.

The Civic Club will hold a meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Union. Curtis Guild, ex-Lieutenant Governor of the State, has been invited to speak to the Club, and all the members are urged to be present. Others interested are welcome.

Tech Show.

The following positions on the staff of the Tech Show are yet to be filled: Assistant Business Manager, Press Agent, and Assistant Stage Manager. These are open to any man who cares to enter the competition for them. The underclass men especially, are urged to try for the staff, and successful candidates are assured of promotion in following years.

Further information regarding this competition can be had by addressing P. E. Hinkley, Box 131 at the Cage.

The Society of Arts.

The 603rd regular meeting of the Society will be held in Room 22, Walker Building, on Thursday, January 12, at 8 p.m.

Dr. H. J. Webber, Chief of the Plant Breeding Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, will address the Society on "The Evolution and Improvement of Domestic Plants. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Members are requested to invite friends interested in the subject.

Examinations.

The following changes in the schedule of semi-annual examinations have been made:

YEAR.	SUBJECT.	Hour.
	FRIDAY, JAN. 20.	
4	Foundations. 349	9-11
	SATURDAY, JAN. 21.	
G	Radio-activity	9-12
4G	Structures. 347, 348, 351	9-12
	MONDAY, JAN. 23.	
4	Hydraulics. 331 XIII-A	9-12
4	Metallurgy. 442	9-12
	TUESDAY, JAN. 24.	
3	Theoret. Electricity	9-12
	THURSDAY, JAN. 26.	
G	Metals and Alloys and Solid Solutions	9-12
	SATURDAY, JAN. 28.	
4	Chemistry of W. and S. Water Analysis. 508	1.30-3.30