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CRITICISES CORPORATION.

Prof. Cattell of Columbia Attacks Choice of Dr. West.

The recent selection of Dr. Andrew F. West as successor to Dr. Pritchett by the executive committee is very sharply criticized in the October number of the *Science* by the well known psychologist, Professor James McKeen Cattell, editor of the *Science* and the *Popular Science Monthly*. He accuses the committee of sordid and mercenary motives. He does not doubt that Dr. West is a man of broad culture and education, but questions the advisability of making a professor of Latin the president of a technical school.

A portion of his article follows: "It is ungracious to question an appointment of this character, and nothing could be gained by criticism if it were not that the corporation has not yet acted and Professor West has not as yet accepted.

"Professor West possesses many of the qualities that should be found in a college president. He was not elected to succeed President Patten at Princeton, but he would have been an excellent president for an institution, which more than any other of our universities or semi-universities has been imbued with his ideals. These may be illustrated by a quotation from Professor West's most recent address. He writes: 'And so I return to the opening thought: The old college ideal is the true one.' The opening thought was: 'The living root of the old faculty, as of every other part of the college, was distinctively Christian impulse, the old college faculty at least professed and tried to show that God is the end of all our knowing and that Christ is the Master of the Schools.'

"But it is a long way from the chair of Latin in a classical and monastic college to the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is to be feared that the trustees who favor the election of Professor West have been influenced by two factors. He is said to be known at Princeton as 'three million dollar West,' in view of his part in securing endowment for the institution, and he is known in the educational world as an opponent of President Eliot and the Harvard system.

"The corporation of the Institute has recently met a disastrous defeat in its attempt to form a merger with Harvard University against the wishes of the faculty and alumni. Should it be so ill advised as to elect a president without consultation with the faculty, it is to be hoped that Professor West will not accept until he assures himself of their approval. It is indeed quite possible that the election will be welcomed by the faculty, and that they will obtain a president beyond reproach—in which case science will have captured a captain from the enemy's camp."

That such a comment should be made by an eminent scientist outside of Technology affairs does not seem strange when it was learned that almost the same criticism was made by a number of alumni when

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CLASS ELECTIONS.

Seniors, Juniors, and Freshmen Choose Officers.

The Senior elections for class officers resulted in the choice of Lawrence Allen for President, Robert C. Albro for Vice-President, Alexander Macomber for Secretary, George A. Griffin for Treasurer, Clarence D. Howe and Nathan A. Middleton for Executive Committee, and Frank S. MacGregor and Emerson H. Packard for Institute Committee.

The ballots of the 1908 Class closed at 1 P.M. Saturday, Oct. 27. The results of the elections will be announced Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Class dinner to be held at the Union at 6 P.M. Tickets for the dinner are on sale by the Executive Committee of the Class.

The Freshman elections were held Saturday and J. M. Fitzwater was elected president, F. B. Avery, vice-president, A. F. Glazier secretary, and A. R. Nagle treasurer. Foster and Hurley were elected to the executive committee. The Institute Committee will be elected later on in the year.

WALKER CLUB RECEPTION.

The Walker Club in conjunction with the Technology Club held a reception at the Technology Club, Friday evening at 7.30 P.M. Nearly all the members and some forty guests were present. The reception was held for college graduates and students entering the Institute in order to acquaint them with their class-mates and fellow students. Men from Cambridge, Oxford, and Heidelberg College, as well as from every State in the Union were present.

President Robbins welcomed the men in the name of the Walker Club, and President Norris in behalf of the Technology Club. Dean Burton made a short but interesting speech, after which Mr. Edwin B. Meade addressed the meeting. He heartily welcomed the men to Boston and said that they would enjoy themselves very much while here. He said he was very glad to be able to address the Walker Club, founded in the name of so great a man, whom he greatly honored and esteemed. He highly eulogized General Walker, whose life, he said, was a model any young man should be proud to follow. The meeting then adjourned to the dining-room where light refreshments were served.

M. E. S. EXCURSION.

The second excursion of the Mining Engineering Society will be held on Saturday, November 3. Through the kindness of Mr. Paul Windsor the Society has received permission to view the new Gas Producer Plant of the Boston Elevated Company at Medford. This plant has but recently been put in operation and is equipped with the Koerting Engines and Wood Producers. It is expected that some of the Faculty will accompany the Society and the Society extends a cordial invitation to all Tech men interested to attend. The start will be made from Eng. A at 1.45 P.M. and the trip made by trolley via Sullivan Square.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

Successful Basket Ball Season in Sight. Good Schedule.

The basket-ball outlook is very encouraging this year. Only one of last year's regular players, J. C. Kinnear, '08, is back, but a large number of second team men, who did good work last season, have returned and will be out for the team. Actual practise will not begin until after Field Day, but every afternoon a crowd of men get together at the Gym. for a "rough-house" game and are getting excellent practise. The men are getting into good condition and are learning to keep their hands on the ball. The schedule arranged by the manager, C. W. Whittemore, '08, is an excellent one. As usual the season will begin and end with games with Dartmouth, the first at Hanover, and the last at the Gymnasium. Two games will also be played with Lowell Textile, Tufts, and Brown, and single games with Boston College, Wesleyan, Williams, Worcester Polytechnic, and Harvard. The schedule is one of the best that Tech ever had. The dates are as follows: Dec. 8, Dartmouth at Hanover; Dec. 15, Lowell Textile at Lowell; Dec. 17, Boston College at Tech Gym; Jan. 5, Wesleyan at Middleton; Jan. 9, Brown at Providence; Jan. 12, Williams at Williamstown; Feb. 11, Worcester Polytechnic at Worcester; Feb. 13, Tufts at the Tech Gym; Feb. 16, Brown at the Tech Gym; Feb. 18, Harvard at Cambridge; Feb. 21, Lowell Textile at the Tech Gym; Feb. 26, Tufts at Medford; Mar. 5, Dartmouth at the Tech Gym.

DR. WHITE TO SPEAK.

Dr. White, the medical adviser of the Institute, will deliver again this year his regular course of lectures on Personal Hygiene for the benefit of the Freshman Class. In the past this course consisted of four lectures which were delivered at the time and in the place of Military Science, but this year, owing to the fact that the class is divided into several sections and that the Faculty do not desire to oblige the students to attend courses not scheduled in the catalogue, only two lectures will be delivered. They will cover practically the same ground as in former years but in a less thorough manner and will be held in 6 Lowell today and on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 4 P.M. immediately after drill. They will treat of the general and personal diseases to which the human race is subject, containing information that every student should know. They have been very successful heretofore, and the Faculty desires every Freshman, as well as men in the upper classes who have not heard this subject discussed before, to attend.

CHOOSE MEN.

At Monday's meeting the 1908 *Technique* Board accepted the resignation of Harry R. Putnam as assistant business manager, and elected L. A. Loomis to the vacancy thus created. E. R. Hall was chosen to complete the number of Editors on the Art Staff.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.
1.00 P.M. 1907 Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
4.00 P.M. Dr. White Lectures in 6 Lowell.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
1.00 P.M. 1910 Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
1.00 P.M. Rev. Thos. Van Ness addresses Y. M. C. A. in Parish Hall.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
6.30 P.M. Exeter Club Smoker at Tech Union.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.
3.30 P.M. 1910 Football vs. Brookline at Tech Field.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at Tech Union.
8.00 P.M. Civic Club Meeting in 16 Rogers.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Metallurgy.—The lectures on Elementary Metallurgy will begin this afternoon from 12 until 1, in 2 Rogers.

Applied Mechanics.—Course X, Third Year, Sections 1 and 2 and Course VI (A-D) inclusive, meet Professor Fuller in 11 Pierce. Course VI (E-O) Third Year inclusive, meet Mr. Hayward in 10 Pierce. Course VI (P-Z) Third Year inclusive, meet Mr. Smith in 47 Eng. A.

NOTICES.

1907.—There will be an important meeting of the Class of 1907 today at 1 o'clock in Huntington Hall.

Mining Engineering Society.—There will be a meeting of the Society in 2 Rogers Monday, November 5, at 4.15 P.M.

1909.—All men wishing to attend the Sophomore Dinner Friday evening *must* buy tickets before 2.00 P.M. Thursday.

Civic Club.—There will be a meeting of the Civic Club in 16 Rogers at 8 o'clock Friday. The subject for discussion will be "Resolved that the United States Government should grant subsidies to American ship owners." Non-members interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

1908.—The following is a list of the men whose ballots were not counted in the Junior elections: W. E. Booth, H. W. Blackburn, M. L. Bullard, A. B. Babcock, C. S. Colson, R. E. Drake, P. A. Eaton, C. A. Edmunds, J. T. Gallagher, J. Gianella, J. W. Hale, E. R. Hall, F. J. King, H. C. Lord, G. C. Mason, R. E. Manning, D. H. Maxwell, G. H. Pierce, M. Porosky, H. F. Richardson, E. R. Smith, W. C. Taylor, A. F. Thode, A. Torossian, L. W. Thurlow, E. Whittier. According to the Constitution these votes had to be considered void. If any mistake has been made, please see to it at once by leaving a note at the Cage for H. Webb or G. T. Glover before 1.00 P.M. Saturday.