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## DR. HAMILTON'S ADDRESS.

President of Tuft's Speaks at First Convocation of the Year.

Yesterday at two, Dr. Frederick W. Hamilton, the newly elected president of Tufts College, addressed the student body. Before introducing Dr. Hamilton, President Pritchett gave a short talk on the value of student activities. He spoke regretfully of Dr. West's decision not to accept the call of the Institute and said that in stating his reasons for refusing Dr. West had said; "There were many reasons which might or might not have deterred me, but when almost the whole Princeton student body came to me and said that they would rather lose a game to Pennsylvania than lose me, I couldn't come.

Dr. Pritchett said in closing that although important, presidents come and presidents go while the life of the Institute, which is the real thing, goes on forever.

Dr. Hamilton spoke on 'Politics' He said in part;

"There have been two critical periods in American History. First, when the nation was founded and second, when the question arose as to whether the nation thus founded could stand. It was decided in a bloody conflict, that incontrovertibly proved that this nation of the people, for the people, and by the people could stand.

"We are now on the eve of another critical period in national life. We are branching out in a larger sphere and it is a question whether this nation which has proved it can stand in its own sphere, can hold its own in international relations.

"The rise of the demagogue is dangerous when it brings up a man, who by a system of newspapers stretching from ocean to ocean, awakens discontent, envy, and creates a false sense of injustice, doing all this for his own end. He is dangerous because he creates discord. He makes the man who is poor believe that he is the natural born enemy of the man who is rich. He makes the man who has little education believe that he is the bitter antagonist of the man who has more. If these forces are allowed to go on it is easy to foretell the ruinous result. And the consideration of this is doubly important because of the critical period on which the country is entering.

"Young men can help in many ways. I have seen great power plants, but never have I been aware of more potential energy than is now in this room. So young men should go into politics, not all in the same party, but each into his own party, and do as much for it as he can. There should not be one good party and one bad, one wise and 'otherwise,' but there should be two good parties, so that everyone can vote according to his political principles, and that alone. If through your efforts the parties can be brought into proper alignment, then the Republic will remain in safety."

The speakers at the next two convocations will be Dr. Van Dyke of Princeton and President Tucker of Dartmouth.

## TALK ON COUNT TOLSTOI.

Dr. Van Ness Addresses Technology Y. M. C. A. in Second Church.

The Technology Y. M. C. A. met in the parlor of the Second Church of Boston on Thursday to hear the conclusion of the discussion on "Heroes and Heroism," which has been made so interesting by Dr. Van Ness.

This last talk was devoted entirely to Count Tolstoi as he appeared to Dr. Van Ness when the latter saw the famous Russian in his own home. Tolstoi lives in a rude hut, although the Russian law forbids his renouncing his vast estates. His dwelling is a cabin divided by a small partition into two rooms; one is a bed-chamber, roughly furnished, while the other is the living or work-room. Here in one corner is noticed a book-case, containing carefully selected volumes of Russian, French and English works, the latter, singularly, being the most prominent. The child of Russian aristocracy is always trained by a foreign nurse, hence the Counts familiarity with the English tongue. Born in 1828, soon an orphan cared for by an indulgent aunt, Tolstoi early petitioned for service in the army and finally joined his brave brother in the troops of the Caucasian Mountains. Here many of the "pen and ink" sketches were written, and he soon became renowned in the literary world. While at Sebastopol during the Crimean War he still more increased his fame by his splendid writings. Tolstoi's work for the Russian peasants was in two stages: the first epoch when he tried to cater to their personal wants and the second in which he ministered to their spiritual needs. And thus it is that he is so greatly loved today by the lower classes, while tolerated as insane by the aristocrats.

Dr. Van Ness says that only twice has he felt that a man was greater than himself *in degree*: once when with our own great Emerson, and again while in the presence of Count Tolstoi, the best exponent of the finest, or Spiritual, heroism.

## SENIOR DINNER.

This evening the Seniors will meet at the Union for the first Class Dinner of the year. The toastmaster of the evening will be John Leavell. An especially good selection of speakers has been made, including Frank L. Locke, '86, President of the Alumni Association, Dean Burton, Paul W. Litchfield, '96, a prominent alumnus, and President Allen.

The committee in charge of the dinner, which is composed of H. B. Hastings, C. D. Howe, O. Starkweather and Chas. Coffin has made especial efforts to make the dinner a success in every way, and the class is urged to attend. large numbers.

Mr. Arthur D. Dean, M. I. T. '95, who is in charge of Y. M. C. A. Trade Schools throughout New England, addressed the Mechanical Engineering Society on "Modern Industrialism and some of its Responsibilities," at its meeting Tuesday evening at the Union.

## FRESHMAN DINNER.

Talks by Dean Burton, Bursar Rand and other Members of the Faculty.

The Freshman class held its class dinner last night amid great enthusiasm. The Tech Union was taxed to its full capacity and many were obliged to stand. Dean Burton, who spoke first, remarked that he had never seen the Union so crowded before. He told of the purpose of the Union, and a little of its history, and spoke of the spirit among the fellows here at Tech and of their relation to the faculty. The dinner, to many the most important consideration of the evening, went off well to the accompaniment of songs and cheers.

Mr. Hugh McGrath then spoke very effectively on the track prospects. He said that a good many men had been reporting regularly but that a good many more should turn out for the final trials on Monday. He spoke of the great importance to an engineer of being able to get around quickly and urged the Freshmen to make the best of their opportunities now, promising to do what he could to aid them.

Mr. Blachstein, who came in late, was greeted by the usual expressions of enthusiasm. Later on he responded to the general and emphatic calls for speech. Prof. Robinson and Dr. Moore spoke on the beginning of the class at the Institute and its life here.

The hit of the evening was made by Bursar Rand, who with his usual number of good stories, which were called for repeatedly during the evening, elicited mirth from even the sourest faced Freshman. President J. M. Fitzwater, who presided, spoke gratefully of the debt to the Juniors for all the help and aid they have given the class. The dinner broke up at about 9.30. The attendance was large.

## ILLUSTRATED TALK TO C. E. SOCIETY

The first talk before the Civil Engineering Society along professional lines will be given this afternoon in 11 Eng. B by Mr. James W. Rollins, of the firm of Holbrook Cabot and Rollins. Mr. Rollins is the active man in the construction of the Charles River Causeway at the lower end of the Basin and is better able to present a description of the work than any other man whom the Society might get. Mr. Rollins gives his time from a very busy life, and has made considerable effort to secure a series of views of the Basin and the various projects in connection with its improvement with which to illustrate his talk, so it is incumbent on the members of the Society to see that a large number turn out for the meeting which will be called promptly at 4'15.

For some day next week, to be later announced, the Society is arranging an excursion through the Washington Street subway. It will probably be on Thursday afternoon. This will be an unusual opportunity to see some of the construction before it is covered and men should hold Thursday open in anticipation.

## CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

1'00 P.M. 1909 Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.  
4'00 P.M. Civil Engineering Society Meeting.  
4'00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.  
4'15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Union.  
6'00 P.M. 1907 Class Dinner at the Union.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

6'00 P.M. Kommers at the Union.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

1'10 P.M. Tech Board Meeting in 31 Rogers.  
4'00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.  
4'00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.  
4'15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Union.

## FACULTY NOTICES.

**Exercises Suspended.**—The exercises of the Institute will be suspended on November 16 after 1 P.M.

**Second Year.**—Exercises in Wood Turning for Section 2, Course II, will begin on Monday, Nov. 12.

## NOTICES.

**1909.**—Seats for Tech Night on sale in Rogers corridor from 8.30 to 9 A.M. and from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. daily.

**Hockey Team.**—There will be a meeting of the Hockey team in 22 Rogers today.

**Exeter-Andover Game.**—For the convenience of those who expect to go to Andover tomorrow, a special train will leave the North Station at 12.30 P.M. Round trip fare, 73c.

There will be a Hare and Hound Run at Wakefield on Saturday Nov. 10. Train leaves North Station at 2.15. Round Trip fare 25. As the Cross Country team will not run, the pace will be slow and a large run is expected.

There will be a meeting of the Cross Country Association at 26 Rogers on Monday Nov. 12 at 1. All men interested in Cross Country and Hare and Hound running are invited and it is earnestly hoped that a large number will respond.

## MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Mining Engineering Society was held Monday afternoon in 2 Rogers, with about twenty-five men present.

Three members from the Senior Class gave very interesting talks on their work in the mining line during this last summer. J. M. McMillin spoke about conditions in the Topman Mining District in Missouri and showed views of the mine at which he worked. R. E. Sampson described the methods of magnetic survey and underground survey in use at Mineville, in the Adirondack region. L. R. Davis, who was also at work at Mineville, spoke about the processes of mining and milling the ore.