Mr. Francis, Tech Show Coach, Has Been Successful in Staging Amateur Shows.

Tech Show's success in the past two years has been due as much to the coaching which it received at the hands of Mr. James Francis as to any other thing. This year's production is rapidly rounding into shape under Mr. Francis' direction and the coach is working along the right lines to make "William, Willie, and Bill" the best show ever given by Tech men. His experience in the past two years has enabled Mr. Francis to understand what kind of a play Tech Show is supposed to be and his efforts are all directed towards making this year's production the right thing.

Mr. Francis is an Englishman, having come to this country only a few years ago and constructor of theatrical work in some of Henderson's productions. Later he returned to England and after staging Christmas pantomimes became the stage manager for Leslie Stuart, the author of "Florodora," "The Silver Slipper," "The School Girl." Mr. Francis then brought "The Silver Slipper to America, where he made a hit and became in demand as a stage manager.

After he had staged several musical comedies he was engaged by the Bank Officers of Boston to "run The Bilkibuster," and was secured by the Tech Show management to stage "The Chemical Maid." Mr. Francis then returned to New York, deciding never to return to amateur work, and became stage manager and comedian in "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home," going West with that production.

Tech Show followed him up, however, and Mr. Francis immediately left his company to come back to Tech. He was secured exclusively as a stage manager with a stipulation that he would not be allowed to run a small opera in Medford. Each year Mr. Francis also goes to Wesleyan to run a small opera there.

M. J. Francis.

The January number of the Technology Review contains many articles of interest to Tech men. The January number of the Technology Review has just appeared. The lateness of the issue is due to the late date of the annual alumni dinner, this number being held back in order to give a full account of the proceedings. In President Fitchett's article on "Samuel Cabot and His Relation to the Institute," the writer speaks from his personal acquaintance of six years with the man who has done so much toward the betterment of student life at the Institute. President Fitchett says: "My intimacy with him came about, because as a student of the Institute and as a member of the corporation, he had a hearty interest in all for which it stood and which it undertook to do. Any man who came as the president of the Institute was sure to come very quickly in contact with a man whose interest was so direct and constant."

The writer then reviews shortly Mr. Cabot's gifts to the Institute, his zeal for his chosen branch of engineering instruction, and his deep interest in the students.

Professor Noyes in his article, "Talk to First Year Students," points out the importance of the general studies, warns the young engineer to secure a good grounding in the fundamental subjects given in the first two years, and then gives some good advice in regard to the social side of the student life. Professor Swain's article is a reprint of a paper presented by him before the annual convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Dean Brim in his notes on study in Paris gave a short summary of the work done by him while studying last winter at the Sorbonne. He makes a comparison of the methods of teaching descriptive geometry in the French schools and those used at the Institute, Technology apparently having the advantage.

In the report of the income fund, it is shown that the committee has collected $67,052.31, and of the total number of subscriptions there is now $30,245.50 yet to be paid in. The Institute has received without restriction nearly $60,000.

TO MEET PRINCETON FRIDAY.

Manager Place of the Fencing Team announced Monday that a special evening match for Tuesday evening at the Gym. Although Princeton will be much stronger than either of the two teams which Tech has defeated this season, the fencers are confident of victory. This is the first time that Tech ever met Princeton in a dual fencing meet.

TECH MEN ON JURY.

In the annual jury list which has been posted in the City Hall, Technology is represented by Professor William F. Knox, W. F. Knox, '07, right half back on the Yale University soccer team. For the past two seasons, he has been appointed head field coach for the Yale football team next season.