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TECHNICAL TRAINING.

Unfavorable comment upon the intensely technical and scientific character of the instruction at the Institute is heard so often during conversations among undergraduates that attention should be called to the place which technical education occupies in American life, so that men may have a just appreciation of the benefits of a strict curriculum and consequently cease to offer adverse criticisms. The most pointed expression of the need of technical education in American life which has appeared for some time is to be found in "Industrial Education," by Harlow Stafford Person, and THE TECH hopes that the republication of it now may interest some of those who have been in the habit of criticising the severity of the Institute's courses. Mr. Person says:

"Recent observers of the German educational system have criticised its curriculum as being so technical as to defeat in part its very aim by making the German student, although scientific, narrow and lacking in initiative. They have warned American educators against a similar error. They overlook the fact that this narrowness and lack of initiative are the results of the German's entire social environment, and not merely of his education methods. Granting, however, that an extremely technical curriculum may intensify these characteristics, it does not follow that the same curriculum would have the same results when applied to the American youth. That common American temperament which is the very opposite of dependent, which relies upon natural ability and is impatient of laboriously acquired knowledge, needs the corrective of an intensely technical and scientific training. The German youth, to correct the influence of his social environment, needs more of the liberal in his curriculum; the American youth, to correct the influence of his social environment, needs more of the technical.

ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION.

For a long time past the meetings of the Athletic Association have been very sparsely attended. Little more interest has been shown in them than is evinced at an ordinary class meeting. Slight interest and indifference on the part of the student body in any phase of activity is sure to bring about poor results.

In the Athletic Association most of these poor results may be traced to a general ignorance of conditions, and the consequent inability to act intelligently on the subjects discussed. The result has been that all direction of the Association has been forced on one branch,

the Advisory Council, because of the incapability of the whole body.

This is not as it should be. Yet it must be so just as long as the membership in the Association remains large, indifferent, and inactive. The great majority of students cannot and will not follow the progress of athletics as closely as they should, and keep in touch with them. It is to this cause that most of the complaints concerning athletic education at the Institute can be traced.

TECH SHOW PROFITS GOOD.

Management for 1907-8 Announce So.

The Tech Show management for the year 1907-8 is as follows: general manager, Frederick A. Dewey, '09; business manager, Curtis C. Webb, '10; stage manager, G. A. Joslin, '09; assistant stage manager, R. Goodwin, '10; assistant advertising manager, R. Leavens, '10. Some changes will probably be made in the management, and there are five places to be filled.

A financial statement of the 1907 Show will be given out as soon as all bills have been collected. The profits were good and considerably over five hundred dollars have already been given to athletics.

The date for the receipt of manuscripts for the Show has been fixed for Nov. 1, and all who have prepared anything during the summer are requested to leave their work at the Cage, Box 63, immediately. A meeting will be held in 34 Rogers at 4 P. M. today to answer any questions.

HOUNDS CHASE HARES.

First Run Brings Out 29. Several New Men.

Twenty-nine men came out for the run held at Waban Saturday, nine of these being new men.

W. Harrington, '10, and R. W. Ferris, '08, were the hares. The bags were found by M. Nickerson, '10, and R. M. Spencer, '11. The first eight men came in in the following order: M. Nickerson, '10; B. L. Gimson, '08; L. O. Mills, '10; B. C. Huber, '10; R. A. D. Preston; M. Ames, '08; E. S. Howe, '09; J. N. Stephenson, '09.

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