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### FUNCTIONS OF A COLLEGE PAPER.

The function of a college paper is so well described in an article in the October number of The Wesleyan Literary Monthly that portions can well be printed in THE TECH. The author says:

"What is the function of a college paper? I must confess that I am unable to give a complete answer to this question; yet some facts are evident. The college paper should be conducted largely for the benefit of the alumni; fraternity periodicals may contain all the news concerning the members of the several societies that they may represent, but these publications do not circulate freely, and the alumni demand information that is not confined to one small portion of the graduate body. . . . Moreover, such a publication should furnish a history of the college it represents. Every event of importance, from Trustee Meetings to Cannon Scraps should be chronicled accurately for the sake of the future historian, and entertainingly, that others concerned in the stories may be interested.

"And this idea suggests another function, advertising. If they are interesting, college papers are read by preparatory school students. The college periodical should therefore be written with a view of attracting favorable attention to itself and its Alma Mater, and should circulate widely among the secondary schools.

"But a paper might do all this perfectly and yet be a failure, for it should also mould college opinion. Of course we cannot expect its judgment to be infallible, but a Senior, who, passing through many trials, has finally attained to the dignity of editorship, will in all probability be a man of superior tact and insight. We may reasonably require of him ability to think his problems through to their proper solutions and his position will compel him to be non-partisan.

"This modifying of immature and prejudiced opinions is the greatest mission of the college paper, a mission which deserves more emphasis in actual practice."

THE TECH wishes to say that the college paper cannot do this without the hearty and united support of the students that make up the college, the faculty, instructing staff, alumni, and undergraduate body, both in contribution to the columns and to the treasury of the paper. The writer of this article seems to assume this support but how can the ideals be approached without this support?

### ANNOUNCEMENT TO COLLEGE MEN.

To the college men at the Institute: THE TECH wishes to announce that numerous college papers are on file in the Tech Board Room, 30 Rogers. Opportunity will be given to all those wishing to keep in touch with their old Alma Mater to read their college papers. The room will be open from 4 to 6 every afternoon.

The following are now on file:—The Amherst Literary Monthly, the Amherst Student, The Bowdoin Orient, The Brown and White of Lehigh University, The Brown Daily Herald, The Case Tech, The Colby Echo, The College Signal of Mass. Agricultural College, College Topics of the University of Virginia, The Columbia Spectator, The Columbia University Quarterly, The Dartmouth Week-

ly, The Exonian, The Exponent of Montana Agricultural College, The Harvard Advocate, The Harvard Crimson, The Harvard Lampoon, The Harvard Monthly, The Hill School News, The Holy Cross Purple, The Daily Illini of the University of Illinois, The Journal of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, The Campus of Maine University, The Daily Maroon of the University of Chicago, The Michigan Daily, The Minnesota Daily, the Mount Holyoke Literary Monthly, The Daily Nebraskan, Old Penn and The Pennsylvanian of the University of Pennsylvania, The Phyllipian, The Polytechnic of Rennesleair Institute, The Daily Princetonian, The Purdue Exponent, The Rose Technic, The Roundup of the New Mexico Agricultural College, The Smith College Monthly, The State of Stevens Institute, The Syracuse Daily Orange, The Syracuse University Weekly, The Tartan of Carnegie Tech, The Trinity Tripod, The Transit of the State College of Kentucky, The Tufts Weekly, The Wesleyan Argus, The Wesleyan Monthly, The Williams Record, The Yale Daily News.

Additions, as made, to the files will be announced in THE TECH. College men and others interested are most welcome to look over the files.

### COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH and other Tech men:—

That the Cross Country Team needs a reserve squad does not seem to be fully realized at Tech. There is but one way to develop a reserve, by well attended Hare and Hound chases. The good-fellowship idea of the chases is being kept up. The enjoyment is increased by having a lot of men out "just for the fun of it." It makes no difference whether a man has ever run before or not. Let a man get a suit and come out. He may surprise himself.

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Participation in the Hare and Hound runs is practically essential in the training of a cross country runner. The runs are no less useful to strengthen the sprinter.

Therefore, unless you are sick, lame, or a dead one, be at the Back Bay Station tomorrow at 2.19 with your duds.

J. N. STEPHENSON, 1909.

### VISIT LYNN WORKS.

(Continued from page 1.)

Not only did the fellows go through the laboratories but also through the molding, insulating, and testing departments, and even into the foundries, where they saw how the heavy casting were made, one piece in particular using about five tons of molten metal.

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