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Wednesday, November 20, 1907.

THE TECH regrets to announce the resignation of Raymond W. Parlin, 1908, from the business staff. J. Newell Stephenson, 1909, and Dudley Clapp, 1910, are appointed to the News Staff.

### CULTURAL STUDIES.

The extract from Dr. Hale's article in this issue on the imaginative element in technical education shows that the members of a technological school more than any other class of students are in danger of a narrow outlook and he outlines how this may be obviated. The whole is clearly developed except that in drawing parallels between the study of engineering, Dr. Hale does not seem to take into account that medicine and law are essentially more cultural studies. This is the weakness in his plan. He would have Technology follow the example of law and medical schools and require some years of general college preparation. So far his idea is good, but his subsequent reasoning seems faulty. He goes on to advocate broader preparation because it would remove the necessity of general studies in the Institute curriculum and leave more time for pure science and professional studies. In the study of law and medicine this would be possible, but engineering has not their broadening effect.

It is hardly reasonable to believe that cramming a young fellow with two years of "humanities" will make him immune to the narrowing effect of four more years of strictly technical work. Cultural studies should form a part of the student's entire course of study. Also he should be impressed with their value so that after graduation he will keep up with general reading, social affairs, and other training of a broad nature.

### RULES FOR COMPETITION.

In answer to several inquiries a definite set of rules to govern the competition for THE TECH'S inserts in Technique 1909 has been drawn up and is published below. It hardly needs to be said that a man does not have to hand in a drawing for each insert in order to be eligible for the competition; nevertheless it will be desirable to have the same or similar ideas expressed in two drawings, and the harmony which can be secured by using two such designs will be considered in awarding the prizes. The jury of award will be composed of Prof. H. W. Gardner of the Architectural Department, Miss Helen Longyear, art editor of Technique, and W. Fred Dolke, Jr., managing editor of THE TECH. The decision of this jury will be passed upon by the Board of Editors before being final.

The rules are as follows:

1. Drawings must be in black and white, ready for reproduction. Sketches will not be accepted.
2. All drawings must be handed in by 1.00 P. M. Saturday, December 21, 1907. Time will NOT be extended.
3. Each drawing must be marked by a monogram or symbol, which must also be put on the outside of a sealed envelope containing the name of the artist.
4. All drawings, whether or not used in Technique 1909, will become the property of THE TECH, and THE TECH reserves the right to refuse to award a prize if no drawing is acceptable for use.
5. No man connected in any way with THE TECH at present will be allowed to enter the competition.

### COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:—

We beg to inform the readers of THE TECH that last year there was no competition for the position of Assistant Manager of the Fencing Team whatever. The members of the team in their endeavor to find a man for that position tried the "Junior" in question and found him lacking the requisites of a manager, one of whose duties is to represent the Institute of Technology at the meetings of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association of America.

The captain of a team, we would like to remind you, has no authority to appoint a manager. It is function of the Athletic Association and the Advisory Council. Neither of which were approached on the matter in question. The captain in this case considered him merely as a candidate trying for the position of Assistant Manager. Furthermore, at a meeting of the Fencing Team, at the end of the last season, it was unanimously decided that he was not the man for the place.

Would the members of the Athletic Association like to force a man upon the Fencing Team who is entirely in discord with it, for in a team of this character harmony is the keynote of success? Such we know is not the case, for we are sure they take the success of the team at heart. What effect would the election of this man as manager, in direct opposition to all members of the Fencing Team, have? The number of fencers has always been small, and opposition to them might kill the sport.

Kindly publish in Wednesday's (Nov. 20th) TECH this Communication in answer to the Editorial on "Fencing Manager" of November 18th, 1907.

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E. M. LORING,  
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### VIVE LE ROI.

At a meeting of the Round Table club yesterday the following officers were elected: King Arthur, Robert Farrington Maxey; Merlin, Douglas Crawford McMurtrie; Sir Lancelot, Forrester Barstow Avery; Sir Galahad, George Mackay Roads. Several men were put up for membership in the club and their names will be acted on at the next meeting.

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