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1908 HOLDS CLASS DAY RITES.

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degrees will be given and three will receive the degree of doctor of philosophy. The class started the course with 298 members, but only 36 per cent. of those who are to graduate tomorrow are from the original number. The others come from other colleges or from former classes at the Institute. The average age of the class is 22 years 10 months and 4 days. The oldest is 32 and the youngest 20. The tallest man measured 6 feet 4 inches, and the shortest man is 5 feet 4 inches tall. The average is 5 feet 10 2-5 inches. The average weight is 149 pounds. Half the men admit they drink occasionally, and 53 per cent. smoke. The feminine members were not questioned. Forty-two per cent. of the class wear glasses, which, said the statistician, testifies to their hard-working propensities.

At the request of the Institute authorities, information was gathered concerning the number of men who work during the summer. In the vacation following the first year, 24 per cent. worked for 10 weeks; in the second, 50 per cent. worked and in the third year 51 per cent. were industrious.

The class prophecy shared honors with the president's introduction as the best exercise of the day. Basil L. Gimson was the seer selected by the class. He started his talk in a most original way, being transported a decade hence by inhaling the fumes of a mystic substance in the chemical laboratory.

Francis H. McGuigan, as presentation orator, after relating the characteristics of various members of the class, presented them with appropriate gifts. The star of these was a black pickanniny carried on the stage in a large box. This lady was given to George Glover to make up for the trips to Revere Beach that he would lose upon his departure from Boston.

The class oration was delivered by Joseph G. Reid. He talked on the duty of the engineer in society and civic life. He called attention to the narrowness of student life at the Institute on account of the great pressure of work and the lack of a comprehensive social relationship. He pointed out the absolute need of versatility to a successful man. The recreation or avocation chosen, if it were politics or civic activity, would bring men into touch with other men,

and would afford a means of meeting men in things they were interested in.

The class gift to the Institute was presented by George T. Glover. He said:—

"The class of 1908 has always taken the greatest interest in Institute affairs and now that we are leaving the sphere in which we once had an active part, it is our desire to leave behind something which may prove of service to those who come after us and which may be a reminder of the life of our class of Technology."

"A few months ago a movement was started to secure a new union for the use of the students. The plan came from a growing appreciation of the necessity for more social intercourse between the fellows here. Our class has desired to record its entire sympathy with this plan and help it along in any way possible."

"The privilege has fallen to our class of taking the first step toward the realization of this project. We are therefore leaving as our gift for the lounging room of the new union a large, round table and chairs. We hope this will be in some slight way expressive of the interest in the welfare of Technology taken by the class of 1908."

After the exercises were over the members of the class and their guests went down on the lawn between Rogers and Walker to partake of the class spread.

The class day committee, which occupied the stage and had charge of all the arrangements for the day was made up as follows:—

Horace Ethan Allen, Maurice Everett Allen, Henry Washington Blackburn, Clifford Hall Boylston, Langdon Coffin, Samuel Harries Daddow, Raymond Edward Drake, Leslie Burton Ellis, Winthrop Drew Ford, Herbert Thurston Gerish, Charles Alphonsus Gibbons, Jr., George Thummel Glover, Lafayette Boyd Hedge, Bernard Shepard Leslie, Francis Harrington McGuigan, Jr., Thomas Whitley Orr, Harold Smith Osborne, William Joseph Pierce, Joseph Pope, Harry Andrew Rapelye, Joseph Gilman Reid, Leavitt Wearre Thurlow, John Theodore Tobin, Kurt Vonnegut, Harry Webb, Edgar Irving Williams.

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