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Friday, October 2, 1908.

The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the election of Dudley Clapp 1910 to the board of editors; and the promotion of Donald R. Stevens 1911, and Walter H. Hildebrand 1911, to the position of associate editors. Maurice R. Sharf 1909 has unfortunately found it impossible to return to the board.

That Technology is able to keep up with the times and discard worn out customs is shown by the action of the sophomore class in abolishing the traditional "night before". It is in line with the tendency in all the colleges nowadays to abolish the rushes and hazing. Harvard was obliged to give up "Bloody Monday" because outsiders came in and made it so rough as to cause many serious injuries. It is probable that the death of Gran in a rush at Worcester Polytechnic recently will be a serious blow to the custom of that institution.

The historic "cane rush" which was a regular event each fall at the Institute for so many years was abolished when Moore 1904 died from injuries sustained in a rush with 1903. At that time the custom originated of contesting to see whose flag should wave over the field on Field Day. While this was all right for a while, it became impossible to keep out the muckers, and a large force of police was necessary to prevent their interference from having serious results.

Last year, although the sophomores put up their flag, there was practically no scrimmage as few freshmen came out, and the event was a farce. The general feeling at the time was that the "night before" was a thing of the past. The class of 1910 established a precedent in leaving the freshmen unmolested at their class dinner which has been followed this year, and will probably be hereafter. The action of the class of 1911 yesterday now establishes the idea which has been growing universal, that the natural feeling between the two under classes can be settled in an orderly way in the regular contests on Field Day without any "roughhouse" and accompanying evils.

FRESHMAN OFFICERS

Temporary Chairman, Secretary
Permanent Managers Picked

Under the leadership and protection of the officers of the junior class; the freshmen held their first meeting in Huntington Hall after Pres. Noyes' address Wednesday afternoon.

David Follett Jr., from Exeter Academy, was chosen temporary chairman of the class and Seth H. Seelye, a graduate Phillips Andover Academy, was elected temporary secretary. Albert G. Gale, of Gloucester high school received a plurality of votes for the position of football manager, while Harvey S. Ben-

son of Syracuse University was picked to take charge of the class relay team. The tug-of-war team will be managed by Merle G. Woodward, of Mitchell's Boys' School, and Chauncy Hall.

Follett is also a graduate of Adams high school, where he was treasurer of his class in his senior year. Seelye was prominent in track work at his prep school. Gale had a chance to develop his executive ability as manager of the Gloucester high basketball team for two seasons and as class president last year. Benson has played football and baseball at prep school and was stroke of the Syracuse freshman crew last spring, while Woodward has an enviable record in all high school athletics.

JESSE F. MATHEWSON

Jesse Follett Mathewson, 1911, Course VI, died in Providence, R. I., on September 5, 1908, of pulmonary tuberculosis.

PRESIDENT WELCOMES 1912

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he may not count it; but it is being counted none the less. In among his brain-cells and fibres the molecules are counting it, storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes. Nothing we ever do is, in a strict scientific sense, wiped out.

"That you have deliberately selected this institution for your education shows that you already appreciate that it is only by strenuous endeavor and close application that important results can be accomplished; and I do not need to tell you that the Institute expects its students to work hard during the period of their study. So you must be prepared to make such sacrifices of your pleasures and outside pursuits as your demands.

"Yet I should be very sorry to give any of you the impression that your life here is to be or ought to be one of work alone. On the contrary, the student who neglects the opportunities incidental to his Institute course for the development of a spirit of good-fellowship and the cultivation of his social faculties, for the broadening of his interests and his general culture, and for the development of a healthy physique, is likely to be outstripped in his subsequent career by a less intellectual comrade who gives a duly proportioned attention to these matters.

"Of these various activities, I would first emphasize the vital importance of attending to the maintenance of your health in every way,—by sleeping enough, by having your meals regularly, and by taking a proper amount of exercise.

"Another opportunity of liberal development is participation in some of the many activities of student life,—athletics, class affairs, student publications, clubs and societies; and I hope every one of you will take some part in such activities, choosing such of them as will best combine for you individually recreation with exercise of those physical, literary, executive or social faculties for which you feel the most aptitude or which you regard most needful of development. But with this recommendation must go the warning that the time and energy devoted to such activities must be duly proportioned with respect to that required for your studies. For success at the Institute, as in your subsequent careers, will depend on a proper apportionment of your time and effort between the various activities of life. Neither the grind at the Institute, nor, in after-life, the engineer who has no other interest than his own special work, will gain the highest success; but, on the other hand, the student who does not make outside activities subordinate to his studies, and the engineer

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NOTICES

Athletic Association Meeting today in the New Union at 4.15 P. M.

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