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The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the election of Richard Howland Ranger 1911, to the position of managing editor, and the appointment of Norman DeForest 1911, to the business staff.

Technology's fine showing at Princeton shows that when the Institute men get together and resolve to do things, they do them. The team has been kept together this fall and a team spirit developed with the results known to everyone.

This fact deserves careful consideration in connection with the reading of the communication published in this issue. The attitude of many Technology students seems to be that Tech athletes can never do anything they have not already done, and that if conditions were ever unfavorable to the development of any branch of athletics, they would always be so. This attitude is sometimes sincere, but what has been done does not seem to justify it. Faith in the unbounded ability of the liberal colleges to surpass the technical schools in athletics should receive a severe jolt from the simple score of the Princeton race.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:—

The question has lately been raised as to whether the Tech man considers himself and his alma mater equals to other men and colleges. It has been said that he does, but disregarding what has been said, let us review a few of his acts. It is not what he says, but what he does, that shows his true attitude.

First, I wish to illustrate his attitude toward athletics and, secondly, his attitude toward the Institute in general. It must be remembered that if a student finds fault with any activity, so long as he has not endeavored to remedy the defect, he casts discredit on himself. Do, then, Tech men consider themselves equal to other college men?

We have no varsity baseball team, no football team, no crew. At West Point, where the men have to work even harder than at the Institute, there are maintained excellent teams in both football and baseball. At Cornell, where the men also work hard, there exists the best crew in the United States. We do not lack material as was shown when a canvass for a varsity baseball team was made last spring, but yet the teams cannot be organized. Why? Because the enthusiast it met at every step by the reply, "Tech men wont support it." He shows that other student bodies have supported such teams, but all to no avail. The Tech men have not sufficient confidence in their own ability to try.

This phase of the situation, however, is comparatively harmless. A far more serious phase is the Tech man's attitude toward those sports which exist. Last winter in Hemmenway gymnasium, the Institute basketball team gave

one of the finest exhibitions of pluck and of basketball ever seen on that floor. Even the Harvard sympathizers were moved to applause for the Technology team, which was defeated by two points only after two extra periods. How many Tech men went to that game? Three! A month later, Harvard and Yale gave an exhibition which no paper in this city felt itself able to characterize as basketball. Fifty Tech men attended that game. Did these men consider Tech men the equals of the Harvard and Yale men?

Basketball, however, is by many considered a minor sport. Track is considered the one thing worth supporting. At the last meet at Worcester, Tech made herself a name. On that day our men, competing with some of the fastest men in the world, broke two records and received fourth place in spite of fearful odds. Three Tech undergraduates yelled themselves hoarse, but that was all the support the team had. A week later fifty Tech men attended the I. C. meet, at the Stadium, and they paid four times as much to see the Yale and Harvard athletes defeated, by men whom their own team had whipped at Worcester. Did these men consider Tech men the equals of other college men?

I do not think we do consider ourselves equal to other colleges. Do you?

In regard to our Alma Mater, "We are happy," speaks volumes. If anything more is needed we have only to listen to the remarks of the men around us. How much more they learned when they went to high school. How the authorities rob them. How much better the system for this or that or the other thing is somewhere else. How much better the Crimson is run than The Tech, and a hundred more. If these men consider themselves the equal of other college men why don't they learn more from the improved text books and apparatus?—Why don't they enter the Co-op and run it as it ought to be run. Why don't they come out for the basketball team or The Tech? They do not because they do not consider themselves equal to other college men.

Two exceptions exist; Technique and the Show. Nearly any Tech man will say that these are the best productions of their kind in the country. So they are, and they are so, simply because the Tech men believe that they are. If we all throw away this idea that we're no good, if we stop sending money into the Harvard A. A. treasury, for tickets to the Stadium at five dollars apiece, if we quit going home and telling how hard they work us at the "State," and then, if we all get together and work in every way for Alma Mater we will soon find that we have no cause to be ashamed of her.

Alma Mater's position is such that she can be damaged only by the acts of her own sons. If we are not to damage her irreparably, we must learn to realize that Alma Mater and her sons are second to none.

John Hamilton Ruckman 1910.

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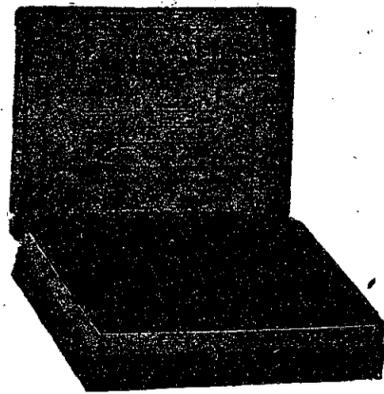
Rev. A. A. Stockdale's Bible class met at the Union Friday evening to continue their discussion of the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes is to be the subject under discussion for the first few meetings. The subjects are analyzed with particular reference to the questions and conditions which confront the average student.

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