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The Tech regrets to announce the resignation of Dudley Clapp 1910 from the board of associate editors.

The regular Friday issue of The Tech will be published this week on Saturday morning because of the fact that it is impossible to have the linotype and press work done on Thanksgiving Day.

The Tech has received a communication from "R. L. H." and requests that the writer give his name to the editor-in-chief, so that it can be printed at the end of his article.

Dr. Noyes' brief message in this issue will be read by all with a deep feeling of appreciation of the noble character behind it. His attitude of renunciation of personal benefits for the self-imposed standard of the qualifications for duty is worthy of close attention and admiration from every man who knows of it. Examples of men giving up long-cherished ambitions because they feel, not that they cannot do well, but that others can do better, are indeed rare. With pressure brought to bear on him from all sides to hold the position he was selected to fill temporarily, he insisted firmly that other men were better fitted for it than he, and that one better fitted could be found and induced to take it.

Professor Maclaurin has splendid opportunities indeed, but the existence and character of these opportunities are due to the faithful work of the men who have gone before him, with Dr. Noyes not the least among them.

It is satisfying to note in the comments of the press following the appointment of Dr. Maclaurin to the presidency of the Institute a universal approbation of the work which has been done by this worthy scientist and a firm confidence in his ability to do things in the future. Those of us who will come under the influence of the new leader will gain, it is believed, a true friend, and the Institute a thoughtful, energetic executive.

Under the head, "A New Educational Leader," the current number of The Outlook comments on the Institute's decision as follows. "With the choice of Professor Richard C. Maclaurin, LL. D., as its president, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology enters upon a new and important stage in its history. The recent discussions concerning the proposed association with Harvard have brought the alumni, corporation, and faculty into more profitable relation the social life of the student body, involved in the matter of a suitable site for the Institute, ways and means for adequate endowment and for the increased expense of improved methods of instruction, and the development of the social life of the student body, which await solution by the new President. During the three years in which the presidency has been vacant and the Institute has been under the administration of acting-President Noyes, the

work of instruction has gone on steadily, and the extraordinary high reputation of this efficient technical school has been finely maintained. To this institution comes a man of exceptional ability and achievement. . . . His election is full of promise to the Massachusetts Institute, and to the cause of education in this country."

"Power and not knowledge should be the aim of the Institute," says Dr. Noyes in his new book, "A talk on Teaching." He advocates doing away with examinations and replacing them by a systematic series of problem solving under the personal guidance of the instructors.

Dr. Noyes fully appreciates the difficulties of the student under the present system. The tendency to let matters go until the night before an examination and then to cram all the knowledge possible in a few hours' hard work is only too prevalent. The result is well-known; far from being assimilated into the system the knowledge is retained perhaps until the end of the examination and is then lost, as likely as not, forever.

With Dr. Noyes' plan in operation the student must study methods thoroughly in order to be able to work his problems in class. If he is unable to understand the methods he is bound to learn them under the personal instruction of his instructor. If this system were put into operation and carried out as Dr. Noyes suggests it would be safe to assume that a man would take more interest in his work, and that his power so acquired would be more likely to stay by him than a smattering of knowledge obtained in a few hours of furious cramming.

## CROSS COUNTRY SCORE

Boston Papers Fail to Credit Tech With Proper Place

Considerable discussion has resulted from the statements in the Boston papers that the Tech team in the Inter-collegiate cross-country run at Princeton finished in fifth place, when in reality they finished second to Cornell.

This misunderstanding is due wholly to an error in the system of scoring used by the newspaper reporters. It was understood that the score made by the Tech team was not to count in the official result of the race, because the team was not officially a member of the Association. When the reporters calculated the Tech score they neglected to put the other men in their proper places, and although the Tech runners were credited with the places that they had won, the other contestants were not moved down from their positions in the official list, to their actual positions in the order of finish.

## HARVARD WINS CHESS

Monday evening the Chess Team played its second match of the season at Gray's Hall, Cambridge, with Harvard. The score was undecided, Childs and Mylehrest playing to a draw, and the former wishing to have the game referred to Mr. Walker, of the Boston Chess Club. If his decision is in favor of Mylehrest the score will be 3-2, in favor of Harvard; it not, 3 1-2-1 1-2, in favor of Harvard.

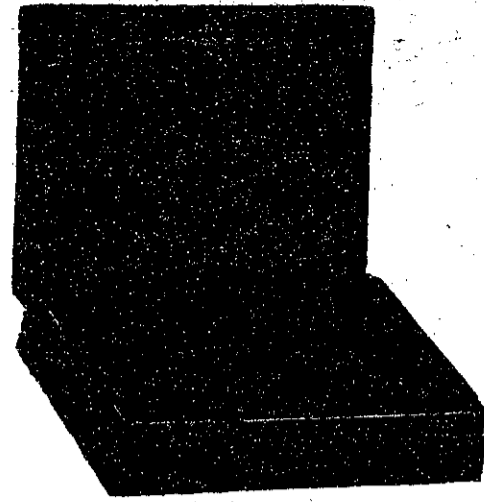
Although virtually in the Metropolitan League the match was only a practice one, as Harvard has now withdrawn from the league. A regulation match with Harvard will soon be arranged, however.

The summary:—

M. I. T.		HARVARD.	
Schmidt	0	1	Masius
Bates	0	1	Greeny
Mylehrest	undecided		Childs
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