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Wednesday, December 2, 1908.

The Tech regrets to announce the resignation of Leslie Gordon Glazier 1911 from the board of associate editors. Donald Nichols Frazier 1911, has been unanimously appointed to the business staff.

Three seniors and one junior were elected yesterday by the Institute Committee to what will undoubtedly prove the most important and influential committee in the undergraduate body. Though appointed nominally as an executive committee of the Institute Committee it is probable that this board will extend its power to all questions vital to the welfare of the student and the Institute, and it seems only proper that this should be so. In line with the rather remarkable advance this year of the Institute's social life, the newly organized Institute Committee has awakened to its opportunities, and its action in regard to the point system, the governing of the Union, and the bulletin board and other regulations has met with almost universal approval. To those who have followed its work it is evident that the future development of all phases of Institute activity will be well taken care of by this most energetic body.

The reorganization of the Institute governing board has produced a body necessarily too large to deal efficiently with the numberless details of development. The smaller working unit seems the one plausible solution.

That the Institute Committee did not limit membership in its executive committee to its own men is commendable, and it is well that the five men in the Institute with the greatest executive ability, initiative, and energy should be placed upon a board of so wide an influence. It is obviously impossible to select five men from a group of 1462 who are best qualified to fill executive positions and it may be possible that there are other undergraduates of ability equal to those appointed. These men have, however, shown much energy and enthusiasm in the past and much can be expected from them in their new work.

There are great opportunities open to the executive committee of the Institute Committee. What they may do will be watched with interest.

The Union committee reports a considerable amount of business done last week in spite of the interruption occasioned by the Thanksgiving holiday. The total amount of business done was \$893.22, as compared with \$1096 the week before. Thirty-one men were present at the Thanksgiving dinner.

At the last meeting of the committee it was proposed to have new menu cards printed with the Technology seal at the top. The resignation of George C. Kenney 1911, was announced from the dining room committee and Donald Frazier 1911, was elected a member of the committee and secretary in Kenney's place.

SOCIETY OF ARTS

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"Modern Alluminants and Illumination," is the subject for Dec. 17, the speaker being Dr. Louis Bell of Boston.

The research laboratory of Applied Chemistry of the Institute, under the direction of Dr. W. H. Walker, has been engaged in some far-reaching investigations on the conditions affecting the corrosion of metals. He has selected for the lecture of Jan. 13, "The Corrosion of Iron and Methods of Preventing it."

On Jan. 28, Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, who is engaged in conducting research work for the General Electrical Company, and who is also at the head of the Electrical Engineering Department at Union University, Schenectady, N. Y., and one of the most original experts in the electrical profession in the country, will talk on "The Future of Electricity."

On the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin there will be a memorial meeting in the Hall, and the members will be addressed by a number of eminent scientists and the present day aspect of the theory of the origin of species will be discussed.

At later dates the Society will hear lectures from a number of other scientists of the day. These dates are not announced as yet. The speakers will be as follows:—

Prof. George E. Hale, director of the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory of the Carnegie Institution, Pasadena, Cal., will speak on "Recent Advances in Astro-Physics."

Prof. Robert S. Woodward, president of the Carnegie Institution, has consented to address the Society on the "Larger Research Problems of the Carnegie Institution."

Prof. Charles E. Luke, at the head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, at Columbia University, will speak on the development of the gas engine.

The Society of Arts of the Institute was established forty-seven years ago, by President Rogers. It is especially devoted to the general dissemination of scientific knowledge and it aims to awaken and maintain an interest in the recent advances and practical applications of the sciences.

CHESS IS POPULAR

Chess has come to be a very popular game since the Chess Club provided the Union with seven new sets of boards and men. The tournament, which is to determine the makeup of the chess team is well under way, great interest being shown not only by the contestants, but by nearly every man in the Institute who understands the game.

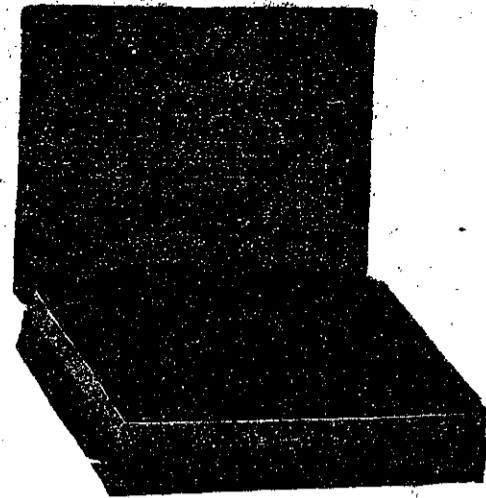
The chess team is a member of the Metropolitan Chess League, a group of teams about greater Boston. Harvard's team and the Roxbury Club have withdrawn from the league, however, and the chances are that the league will be dissolved as a result. If the league does not materialize arrangements will be made for games with the teams of other schools and colleges, games having already been arranged with Brown, Harvard, and Phillips Andover.

Last week the team played a practice game with Harvard and lost by a score of three and one-half to one and one-half. The men who represented Tech in this match were Schmidt, Mylchreest, Kaufman, Morrill, Gring, and Bates. These men are all promising candidates for the team. Among the other players, Navarro and Everett have shown decided ability.

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