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Friday, December 4, 1908.

With the opening of the new Technological Institute, a branch of Whitman College, at Walla Walla, Washington, comes an entire innovation in the line of requirements for the degree of bachelor of science in an engineering course.

The plan is to give in four years a general course which will fit the student to become an engineer in some special line, with two years of additional training in his chosen field, for the engineering degree. There are several things to be said in favor of this idea. It is hard for a young boy just out of a preparatory school to settle in his mind what course to pursue, and even with a half-year of elementary work on which to base his choice, it is doubtful whether the average student is competent to decide on his life work so early. With four years of fundamental training, however, a man will have had ample opportunity to settle in his mind for what profession his tastes are best suited. With these four years of elementary training behind him, the student will be sure that his bent in life toward the technical rather than the professional or business side before he completes his education for good and all. Thus under this new system life mistakes should be rare.

Many men have been forced to give up a technical training because of the burden of overwork. The tendency throughout the country in technical schools is to increase the number of years of study without increasing the amount. Here, at the Institute, there have been recently provided five-year schedules in some courses, and many students have availed themselves of this opportunity to lessen the burden of work while gaining as complete an education as under the regular course.

It will be most interesting to watch developments in the West.

## TECH MEN ENTERED

### in Roman Architectural Competition

On Monday, Dec. 7, 1908, the preliminary drawings in the Roman architectural competition will be started at 9 o'clock. The preliminary sketches must be made in fourteen hours and will probably be the plans and elevations of some building selected by the committee. The sketch will have to be inked and must show enough of the building details so that the committee will be able to see what is intended by the designer. The drawings will be handed in at the end of the fourteen hours, and a decision will be reached in a week by the committee, who will choose four men from the competitors in all parts of the country. The four men chosen for the final drawings will then be given three weeks in which to work up their sketches, the final drawings to be in color and with explanatory memorandum of the problem given. These completed drawings will be

again given to the committee for a final decision.

The winning competitor will receive as a prize, his travelling expenses to and from Rome, and one thousand dollars a year for three years. From this annuity twenty dollars a month will be taken for room and board; ten dollars a month for eight months to pay his annual travelling expenses through Italy and Greece, and lastly one hundred dollars will be deducted each year for a fund to give the man when he leaves for home.

The winner of the competition will report at the Academy in Rome, Nov. 1, 1909, and will begin work soon after. The work to be done consists in making drawings of the old buildings in Italy and Greece, and will cover the entire stay of three years.

The following fifth year Technology men are entered in the competition:—E. D. Williams 1908, R. J. Batchelder 1908, R. Kibbey 1908, Cecil F. Baker 1907, W. F. Dolke, Jr., F. J. Robinson 1908, with the Guy Lowell Co. architects, and Watkins 1908, at University of Pennsylvania are also entered in the competition.

## CLEOFAN RECEPTION

### Given to Faculty Yesterday in Margaret Cheeney Rooms Great Success

A very pleasant social function was the reception given to the faculty and their wives by the Cleofan on Wednesday afternoon. The affair was held in the Margaret Cheeney rooms, which were tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Only two formal receptions are given each year by the Cleofan. The other is the reception given in Junior week to the undergraduates and is always one of the main festivities of that season.

Miss Babcock of the Architectural course, who is president of Cleofan, with the assistance of Mrs. H. P. Talbot, Mrs. A. E. Burton, Mrs. D. R. Dewey and Mrs. R. H. Richards, received the guests.

The tea table was delightfully presided over by Mrs. Chas. Sawyer, Mrs. Fred Lord, Miss Lillie Smith and Miss Dewey. Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Lord and Miss Smith are members of the Women's Technology Association.

Several vocal selections, beautifully rendered by Miss Margaret M. Glenn were much appreciated. She was accompanied by Miss Judith Longyear.

Messrs. Clark of the chemistry department, Comstock and Faxon of the physics department, Thomas of the electrical department and Mr. Rapelye served as ushers.

## SCHOOLBOYS TO RACE

### In Cross Country Contest from Tech Field over part of Regular Course

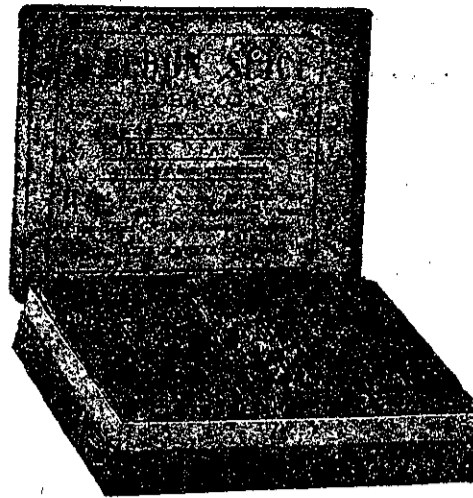
Again Tech Field is to witness the interscholastic cross-country race for New England schools. A similar race was held earlier in the fall at Princeton. The race today promises to be very interesting from the fact that ninety boys will try for individual prizes and eight school teams will struggle for the point trophies.

The schools that have entered teams for the championship cup are as follows:—Brookline High, Providence Technical High, Quincy High, High School of Commerce of Boston, English High, Boston Latin, Providence Classical High and Mechanic Arts High. This means that eight schools will contest for the trophy, and the remaining schools, while not entering full teams (Continued on page 4.)

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