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## WINTER TRACK SEASON BEGINS

Men commence training in Gymnasium—Juniors Likely to win

### BIG MEET JANUARY 8

Sophomores strong in 35 yd dash and half mile run—Some Individual stars

With the close of the fall track season the attention of the athletes of the Institute is turned towards indoor work. The big event of the winter season is the indoor meet, to be held this year January 8, in the Gym. Many close contests are predicted and since the winners of each event win the athletic association insignia and all point winners win their numerals, the number of candidates will no doubt be large.

The junior class won the indoor meet last year, ran away with the fall handicap meet this year, and have the material to repeat their performance in the indoor championship.

Of the individuals, G. B. Cumings 1910, looks to be the best candidate for individual honors. He was the individual winner of the fall meet, starting from scratch in most of the events in which he was entered. Cumings should have an easy time in the 440 and hurdles and should place in some of the other dashes.

The freshmen may prove a dark horse, considering the performance of the class in the fall meet. The strongest point so far developed in the freshman class is its array of distance men. In the recent cross-country event half the runners were from the entering class, and the best actual time, outside of that made by the two team men, was made by Benson 1912, with E. E. Ferry 1912, not far behind.

In former years the 35-yard dash has been one of the most closely contested events. This year will likely prove no exception to the rule. The sophomores are the favorites for this race, as they have such stars as Seligman, last year's winner, Stevens, a point winner last year, and Bigelow and Prentiss of this year's victorious relay team. Capt. Gram is the strongest in the event from the senior class. The two freshmen stars, Oettinger and Reed, may also be looked upon for good work.

Whenever P. D. White 1911, and W. C. Salisbury 1911, meet in the half-mile a close race is assured. This will no doubt be the case in the indoor meet. Other promising candidates are Mackenzie 1911, and Frost 1909.

The favorite for the mile run is L. O. Mills 1910, who upset all calculations last year by breasting the tape ahead of a field of formidable runners. Stephenson 1909, and Eldred 1911, may be looked for among the leaders.

The field events will be interesting, with Allen and Stuart in a close contest to see whether the high jump shall go the seniors or juniors. Stuart has shown progress during the fall and Allen will be forced to look to his laurels to win. Ruckman 1910, who proved the dark horse in the 1907 indoor meet, looks good in the shot put contest. W. D. Allen 1911, will try hard to better

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## PRES. NOYES REPORTS

Acting-President Arthur A. Noyes submitted his annual report to the members of the Technology Corporation at a meeting Wednesday afternoon. The report embodied the general subject of changes made during the past year in the instructing staff, methods of teaching, the institution of new departments and the changes proposed for the near future, and considered at some length the great immediate need of the "creation of a new Institute on a new site."

## A MONTH IN THE CANNIBAL ISLANDS

Is subject of thrilling talk at Union tonight by Dr. J. H. Denison

### CURIOUS CUSTOMS

Of natives of islands in South Pacific Ocean shown by Photographs

The Union Entertainment Committee has been unusually fortunate in securing Rev. J. H. Denison, pastor of the Central Congregational Church, for the speaker this evening at the Union. The subject of Dr. Denison's talk is "A Month in the Cannibal Islands."

Dr. Denison actually spent a month on the Island of New Pomerania, a month which he says will never be forgotten. As told by the traveler, the story of that month will never be forgotten by anyone who hears it. The island which is the scene of Dr. Denison's adventures is a part of New Guinea, in the South Pacific ocean. The natives are real cannibals, or at least they were in some parts of the island in 1901, when the visit was made. Skulls and skeletons still hang on the trees and war dances are performed by the natives in the same manner as they have been executed for hundreds of years. Dr. Denison may make even stranger remarks than these, but he will be able to support his statements by photographs taken by himself. He also has a number of very interesting mementoes of the place.

It is not very often that Tech men have an opportunity to get first hand information on what is going on around on the other side of the world and this is certainly a grand opportunity to hear a rare subject treated by one who has been a personal observer. Dr. Denison has a faculty for presenting his address in a way that will leave the principal facts indelibly impressed on the minds of his hearers.

## HOCKEY MEN AT WORK

Forty men answered the call for candidates for the hockey team last Wednesday. All of last year's team are back except Capt. Ford, whose place is well filled by Capt. W. J. Kelly. Manager O'Hearn has been working on the schedule and promises an excellent one. A four-game trip has been arranged for Christmas vacation on which the team will play Williams, Amherst, Springfield Training School, and Trinity. Practice will begin this afternoon.

The home games will probably be played at Brae Burn, or, if rinks are built on the Charles River Basin, this location will be chosen.

At the next meeting of the Athletic Association the advisability of forming class teams will be considered, and if favorably received, the advisory council will be asked to award class numerals to the winners of an inter-class series. This action would, according to Capt. Kelly, greatly stimulate the sport at the Institute, as it would not only interest more students directly, but also give the first team a means of obtaining the competition which has been lacking previously.

The following men reported:—

Forwards—R. Jarret 1912, P. W. Taylor 1910, E. Montgomery 1912, L. M. Huggins 1912, C. R. Woodward 1912, M. A. Lyons 1912, R. Gould 1911, A. Gould 1910, J. N. Scoville 1911, B. W. Stevens 1912, G. H. Robt 1912, N. G. Herreschoff 1912, A. Campbell 1912, E. S. Marceau 1912, F. Jewett 1911. Cover point and point—R. W. Millard 1909, E. E. Wells 1909, S. R. Mackellar 1912, R. H. Gould 1911, C. H. Morrill 1912, C. Dunlap 1911, T. Polhemus 1911. Goal—V. C. Warren 1910.

## TECH - DARTMOUTH BASKETBALL GAME

Institute has fine team and Chances for victory are Thought quite good

### HANOVER TOMORROW

Captain Wentworth, Parker and Hargraves were on last year's Team—New men out

Technology's basketball season opens Saturday afternoon at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. The prospects of the team this year are unusually bright. The work which has been shown this year by each member of the team indicates the probability of the continuation of the successful season in athletics which Technology has had this year.

Of last year's team there are three men back, Capt. Wentworth 1909, T. B. Parker 1911, and W. B. Hargraves 1910.

Capt. Wentworth is one of the fastest men on the team, always plays a first class game, and as a leader can not be excelled. T. B. Parker, the heavy center of the team, has had previous experience on last year's team and on his high school team at Wellesley. Hargraves, another of the old men, is this year's manager and can hold his own with any of the forwards of other college teams. The other forward and back field positions will be covered in an efficient way by C. R. Lloyd and A. T. Bemis. A. F. Kearick 1912, Brookline High's former captain, will be the sub-forward and F. G. Taitte 1909, the sub-center. For the last few years Dartmouth has defeated Technology by a small margin, but with the excellent prospects of the team this year, the Institute should be victorious.

## E. E. SOCIETY DINNER

L. A. Ferguson of Chicago speaks to well attended meeting

At the dinner of the Electrical Engineering Society last night 111 were present. After the reports of the treasurer and secretary had been heard, Prof. Jackson introduced Mr. Lewis A. Ferguson 1888, president of the A. I. E. E., and vice-president of the Chicago Edison Company, speaking of him as one of the foremost central station experts of the country.

Mr. Ferguson expressed his pleasure in being present, and began his talk by contradicting the frequently-made statement that technically trained men are at a disadvantage in after life. On the contrary, he said, they have a distinct advantage over their less fortunate fellows, not in the knowledge they are able to cram into their heads in four years, but by reason of their training in clear thinking and the broad understanding of the subject that a technical school should give. Much of Mr. Ferguson's talk was given to emphasizing this point. He pointed out that while many college graduates are at a disadvantage because they think they know it all and while modesty is a virtue, diffidence is a serious fault, and if a man finds it in his makeup he must conquer it before he can become successful. In former times it was the man with a pleasing personality that got along, but now, he said, the men higher up are well trained and know a good man when they see him. He emphasized the necessity of a broad training for the man who would be a success and advised his hearers to fill their positions well and at the same time fit themselves for the next higher position.

Afterwards, in a more informal way, he told of some of his memories of Tech and Tech life when he was here. His hearers were greatly pleased by his

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## OFFER TROPHIES FOR TECH RACES

Rockwell cup for quarter Batchelder cup for mile run

### DONORS HOLD RECORDS

Incentive to track athletes may bring out good relay team for Philadelphia

A great stimulus to athletics at the Institute will be given by the establishment of two challenge cups to be contested for in the annual spring games. One is offered for the winner of the quarter-mile by Dr. J. Arnold Rockwell 1899, who holds the present record of 51.1-5 seconds. He was also a member of the team which won the New England Intercollegiate meet in 1894. This cup should also prove a great incentive to the men who will try for the relay teams and as the cup is competed for at the spring meet, will give greater prominence to the relay team sent to Philadelphia each year.

Mr. J. L. Batchelder 1890, has offered the other cup for the winner of the mile run in the spring meet. Therefore, while the relay men are struggling for the Rockwell cup, the cross-country and hare and hound men will compete for the Batchelder cup in the mile run. Mr. Batchelder ran the mile while at the Institute and has given this cup to encourage long distance running here. He held the record for the half-mile when the meets were held at Readville.

Dr. Rockwell and Mr. Batchelder are both members of the advisory council on athletics as representatives of the Alumni Association. Mr. Batchelder was secretary of the original athletic club which the present athletic association has succeeded.

These cups are the only challenge cups at the Institute which are to be competed for and owned by the individuals winning them. All the other cups such as that for Field Day and the alumni cross-country cup are team trophies. The Rockwell and Batchelder cups will be renewed each year so that the winners will have permanent trophies. This creates much more interest than a cup to be held for one year only and then passed on to the next man.

The quarter-mile and the mile in the spring meet will probably be made special races for these cups. The spring meet is chosen for the competition for these prizes as there is more interest taken in this meet and the men are in better shape. The exact requirements of the competition will be given later by the donors of the cups.

The cup for the mile will be of especial value this year as Tech has no very good second and third string men in this event and with some competition Capt. Mills, of the cross-country team, should be pushed to do 4:40, or better.

## CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 11.

- 3 P. M.—Hockey practice at Hammonds Pond.
- 4 P. M.—Lyrics due.
- 4 P. M.—Junior Prom Committee nominations close.
- 7:30 P. M.—Entertainment at Union.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12.

- 2:30 P. M.—Cross-country squad leaves North Station for Malden.
- 3 P. M.—1912 basketball practice at Gym.
- 4 P. M.—Senior portfolio nominations close.
- 8 P. M.—Technology vs. Dartmouth basketball at Hanover. Score announced in Union immediately after close of game.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13.

- 6:45 P. M.—Y. M. C. A. at Union.