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A reading of the report of the acting-president shows at a glance that while the needs and problems which the Institute faces are as pressing and immediate as they were a year ago, they are much nearer solution. A spirit of confidence in the ability of the Corporation, Faculty and Alumni seems to run through the whole document. Heretofore, the questions dealt with have been ones which should be solved; now they are questions which must and will be solved. While the Institute is cramped for room, its men and its apparatus and equipment are the best to be had, and in spite of admittedly serious overcrowding, the results obtained are highly gratifying.

### PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

On account of the small number present at the 1909 class meeting, it was decided to put the question of backing up the portfolio committee financially to the vote of the class on the portfolio committee ballots. The question is divided into two parts; first, shall the class oblige the men whom it elected to this committee to bear the financial burden, and, second, in case the class should stand behind the committee, shall the contracts made be subject to the approval of the executive committee of the class?

### PROM BALLOTS MAILED

Ballots for the Junior Prom Committee election were mailed this morning to all members of 1910. The polls will close at the Cage Thursday, at 4 o'clock. The regular dinner of the class has been indefinitely postponed, and the results of the election will be announced in The Tech.

The committee in charge of the election is W. H. Duffield, P. D. Terry, and J. H. Ruckman. Four men are to be chosen from the following list of nominees:—B. Reynolds, T. A. Roper, F. B. Wood, R. M. Torrey, M. D. Price, L. N. Adder, L. O. French, J. S. Sneddon, Van Court Warren, John Avery, Jr., W. J. Orchard, A. L. Fabens, T. B. Whittemore, R. S. Breyer, W. S. Cleverdon, A. A. Gould, R. D. Wells, R. C. Jacobs, and P. Hart.

### MACLAURIN SPEAKS

President-elect Maclaurin was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Brooklyn Engineers' Club, held last Thursday night. The retiring president of the club was G. C. Whipple 1889. A large number of Tech men were present, many of whom are members of the club, but some of whom came from out-of-town places for the special purpose of meeting and hearing Dr. Maclaurin.

There was naturally great enthusiasm when he arose to speak, everyone present springing to his feet, and joining in an M. I. T. cheer, ending in Dr. Maclaurin's name.

### ORCHESTRA

During the past ten days a number of informal meetings have been held by a few men interested in forming a student orchestra. The first of the week, a few old players got together and partially organized, and since then men from all the classes have expressed their desire to try for positions. Technology has not had a regulation orchestra for three years, but if the support is forthcoming present conditions indicate that the Institute will have a first-class orchestra this year.

The old men backing the movement are:—A. F. Thode, D. Belcher, S. L. Furger, L. C. Shaw, A. Cook. Some of the new men out are M. K. Sweet, V. N. Drew, A. M. Eisenberg. A practice meeting was held Saturday afternoon in the living room of the Union with very encouraging results.

### CATHOLIC CLUB

Mr. David Goldstein will address the Catholic Club Tuesday evening at 8 P. M., on "Socialism—a Menace to Society." The meeting will be held in 16 Rogers, instead of 11 Pierce, and it is hoped that all members will be present since final discussion of the dance will take place. All interested in Socialism are welcome to hear the talk.

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