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Heartiest wishes for a Happy New Year are extended by The Tech to every one connected with the Institute.

At its first meeting of the year the Institute Committee brought forward a scheme for a system of uniform bulletin boards for the various buildings to relieve the present shabby conditions. It might reasonably be expected that these boards would now be in place, but such is not the case. It is to be hoped that the Institute Committee will not let much of the New Year slip by without seeing that the bulletin boards are placed.

In the last issue of the Columbia University Quarterly appears an article on "The Call to Professional Service," which is well worth reading and taking to heart by every Technology student. While in the main the article treats of all the professions with some emphasis on the "more liberal" ones, nearly every word of it applies specifically to engineering as well. The main idea stated is, that the more advantages a man has, the more benefit he should return to the world which made them possible for him. Entrance in the professions implies possession of superior opportunities and ability, and for the former at least he owes something. In these mercenary days, such a clear presentation of the duties of the superior to the inferior is both refreshing and valuable.

In closing, the author states his theme as follows:—

"The call to professional service comes to you young men in the form of imperious command. If it were the call to arms in defense of your country you would respond by tens and hundreds, and not one of you would falter whithersoever your duty led. This call to service which I voice today comes to you from your countrymen who are engaged in that everlasting war with sin and ignorance and greed and selfish ambition. They call on you to equip yourself for leadership and they confidently expect you to stand forth when your time comes, fully prepared to merit the confidence they would place in you. They have put at your command all the resources of this university, an institution which brings to you the wisdom of the ages and lines you up with the great men who have preceded you here during the past century and a half. It is an inspiring company of leaders in statecraft, theology, law, medicine, business, engineering, and in all arts and sciences of every field. No one of those whom we today call great, no one whose life we would set up as a measure of our own, has failed to respond to that appeal in the cause of righteousness which comes to you today in the call to professional service."

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Mary Butler, daughter of Hon. William A. Butler of Georgetown, Mass., to Mr. Lester D. Poor 1910, Course VI.

## POINT SYSTEM COPIED

### Phillips-Exeter Follows Tech in Limiting Office-Holding

At a recent meeting, the School Council of Phillips Exeter Academy adopted the following resolution:—

"RESOLVED, That the Student Council recommends that no one student should hold more than one major office in any one year."

The recommendation was passed with the expectation that the school as a whole will enter into the spirit and that public opinion would be sufficient to enforce it. It will be noticed that this is based on the same idea as the point system, established at Technology last fall, but does not reach so fine a point.

## LABORATORY CROWDED

### Electrical Department Needs More Room for More Equipment

In spite of the ample scale of the accommodations originally provided to meet the needs of the classes in electrical engineering, the department is becoming quite cramped for a sufficient number of class rooms and for a proper amount of space in the laboratories. The present Electrical Engineering Laboratory is 270 feet in length and 40 feet in width, and every bit of available space is at present occupied, giving some idea of the necessary size of the new laboratory which will have to be constructed when the Institute moves to a new site. With the continuation of the present percentage increase in the number of students taking the course in electrical engineering, equal in the case of this year's class to 20 per cent over that of last year, a new laboratory would necessarily be much greater in magnitude than the present one. The work in the laboratory spoken of above is independent of and supplementary to that going on in the standardizing laboratory, high potential laboratory, laboratory of photometry, etc., all of which are even more cramped for suitable room. The equipment, however, has advanced far ahead of the space provided and the department probably has the largest and most complete equipment of the machinery and instruments of any institution in the country, and is, moreover, constantly adding new apparatus to this extensive collection.

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