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Berkshire Basket Ball Team Will Be Hard Proposition

Technology's basketball team will play Williams College next Saturday at Williamstown. Williams is said to have the fastest team in the East. All but one of last year's crack team are back at college and are in the game this year. However, the Institute team has shown itself to be a winning aggregation by defeating Dartmouth 26 to 22 on their own floor, this being the first defeat on the home floor in eight years. Tech's weak point formerly has been a lack of staying power for the last part of the game and with this point strengthened there is a good chance for the Institute team to go through the season with a clean slate.

Williams' new man is Clark, a freshman who is playing a fine game at guard. The other men on the team who are all veterans are:—Horrax, center; Templeton, guard; and Lamby and Lewis, forwards. Tech's lineup will be the same as against Dartmouth last month.

ON APPRENTICESHIPS

Effect of Unions is to Lessen Amount of Skilled Labor

Unions and their effect on various institutions are questions that Tech men are interested in, because they will frequently be met in practical life.

The following extract from a communication from J. K. Turner pertains to the relation of the Union and apprenticeships.

Twenty years ago the man who received \$1.50 a day was immeasurably more able to cope with his personal problem than is the man who receives \$2.50 today. All this notwithstanding our vast natural resources and the magnificent development of our industries through combinations and the inventions of labor saving devices. What, then, is the reason thereof?

As a thought in this connection, we desire to refer to Prof. Eliot's statement that "union labor is the parent of Child Labor because," he says, "a child of twelve is unfitted to become a skilled laborer, and as a consequence, takes a position in life in which there is little hope for advancement," which means that owing to the seriousness of the financial problem in each family, the pressing needs of the growing children being so great, each member of that family is forced to become a wage earner at the earliest possible date, regardless of his physical or mental qualifications thereto.

Again, while the avenues of skilled mechanics are rapidly thinning out, the ranks of unskilled labor are becoming overcrowded, and the unalterable law of supply and demand forces up the price of the product of skilled labor. Statistics show us that the influx of skilled mechanics from other countries in the last twenty years has been greatly out of proportion to the creation of skilled mechanics through the apprenticeship system.

The apprentice under the present system of union labor would be the creature of the union and not of the shop, and consequently employers while they recognize the necessity for apprentices, advance the argument with some degree of justice, that their experience with the union mechanic, dominated by the union leader, is such that they cannot afford to harness themselves with a lot of young men over whom they have absolutely no control and who look up to the union for protection and advancement.

This condition makes it all the more imperative that parents interest themselves in developing the best in their child so that their children can take advantage of such education as we are able to afford them and apply it to their individual needs and necessities in after life. This is the only method by which we can hope to make any advancement under the system now in vogue, and it will also go a great way toward reforming the entire curriculum of our public school system.

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