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Monday, January 11, 1909.

Basketball against the Harvard team at Cambridge tomorrow night. Last opportunity to see a game near home until Feb. 13. Loyal rooters are going over the river to show their appreciation of the excellent work that is being done by the team. Are you one of them?

Nearly double the number of alumni at the last banquet are expected at Horticultural Hall Thursday evening. Another royal welcome for Dr. MacLaurin!

The next regular issue of The Tech will be published on February 10.

Exams will be with us before we know it; begin a systematic review tonight! The Tech hopes for the best success of us all and may we all be back strong for the new conquests.

In an article of universal interest appearing in the New York Evening Post, Prof. T. A. Jaggard, Jr., of the department of geology of the Institute outlines the present conditions and the opportunity for future development in the study of the earth and its processes. He points out that the recent disturbances at Mount Etna had been scientifically predicted for two years past and that the lack of world knowledge on the science of geology prevented the use of this prediction to check the awful destruction which followed the disaster on the Island of Sicily.

For the prevention in the future of just such losses of life, Prof. Jaggard shows the need of a greater advance in the geology of prediction, or as he calls it, "humanistic geology," and he points the way in his closing words:—

"When young men think of making science their life-work, it would be well to remember Pasteur, and to consider carefully whether the "highest" development of the investigative faculties may not concern itself with humane rather than historical motives. To those who will give time and money to the establishing of observatories there will come by way of reward, some of the most astonishing discoveries of the twentieth century."

Truly may it be said that that man who devotes his whole life to the betterment of the conditions of his fellowmen is doing a noble work. The opportunities in the field of humane development, now so poorly supplied in comparison with the entire number of world-workers, should receive careful thought and for none is this more true than the college men of today.

A life unselfishly devoted to any effort to lessen human misery, and death from disease or unnecessary accident, receives its immediate reward in the satisfaction of having done the highest possible good for the world.

F. H. Newell 1885, director U. S. Reclamation Service, gave an illustrated lecture on "Irrigation in the Hawaiian Islands," to the Washington Society of Engineers at their annual meeting last month.

PROFESSORS HONORED

The meeting of the American Association for the advancement of science, together with the national societies affiliated therewith, which was held at Baltimore during the week just passed was a most successful one. The Institute was well represented, the following members of the instructing corps being present:—

Professor H. P. Talbot was chairman of the section of the American Chemical Society, devoted to Education as Related to Chemistry, and presided over the meetings devoted to this subject. He was also the retiring vice-president of Section C, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in which capacity he delivered a most highly appreciated address upon the subject, "The Teaching of Science as a Career."

Prof. H. W. Tyler was chairman of the Section on Mathematics and took a leading part in the deliberations of that body.

Dr. Gilbert N. Lewis was chairman of the Section on Physical Chemistry, and delivered an address upon "The Use and Abuse of the Ionic Theory," on which was bestowed much favorable comment.

Dr. William H. Walker presented to the Division on Industrial Chemistry and Chemical Engineering the results of work carried on in the Research Laboratory of Applied Chemistry upon, "The Corrosion of Tin Plate and a method for determining the continuity of the Tin Coating," which was well received.

Dr. C. H. Warren was an active participant in the meetings of the Sections devoted to Geology and Mineralogy.

Among other members present were: Dr. A. H. Gill, Dr. Bray, and Dr. James F. Norris, President of the Technology Club.

Dr. W. R. Whitney 1890, was elected President of the American Chemical Society for the ensuing year, and Mr. A. D. Little 1885, was reelected chairman of the Division of Industrial Chemists and Chemical Engineers, in order that he might continue for another year the wonderfully efficient service which he has devoted to the section during the present year, and bring to fruition the lines of development and possibilities for greater service which have been recently undertaken under his guidance.

Attendance at such meetings by members of the instruction staff, is a source of great aid, both in the way of recreation and incentive, and cannot fail to redound to the benefit, both of the individual and to the Institute.

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