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Wednesday, March 3, 1909.

Professor William T. Sedgwick has kindly contributed the tribute to Mrs. Rogers published in this issue.

The 1910 Junior Prom Committee has practically completed all arrangements for the social event of the year. It is now delayed because of the fact that few have signed up as yet. Until the committee is assured of how many it must provide for the preliminary orders cannot be issued, so if men have any intention of attending the Prom they should sign up at once with one of the committee.

Mrs. William Rogers, wife of Professor Rogers, the founder and first president of the Institute, will celebrate her eighty-fifth birthday tomorrow at her home on Marlborough Street.

The Tech desires to convey to Mrs. Rogers its respectful congratulations upon the coming anniversary and to express the hope that she may long survive, not only to bestow upon us the ever-gracious benediction of her presence but also as the visible representative of the spirit of the Institute and the high ideals of her husband, its illustrious founder.

Now that Technology has been admitted to the I. C. A. A. A. A. it is "up to us" to show that Tech is in a class with the best athletic ability in the country. That there is excellent material at the Institute has been shown by past performances, but it is the future that we are preparing for now and it is possible that some of Tech's best men may compete in the Intercollegiate in the Harvard Stadium. Tech's greatest athletic field will still be in cross country work and if the four men of last year's successful team are to be replaced, it will be necessary for a lot of underclassmen to get out at once to see if they can run. To make the training more interesting three cross country races will be held next month. Work is going on regularly at the Gym, but more men are wanted for the class and course teams.

BASKETBALL THURSDAY

For the second time this season the Institute basketball team will meet that from Lowell Textile at the Gym tomorrow night. Tech won the last game by the largest score of the season, but that was some time ago. The team has not been winning so frequently of late, and a close contest is expected. The two lower class teams will meet again between the halves.

As a result of the recent class basketball championship series the following 1911 men have been awarded class numerals by the Advisory Council: R. E. Schatz, G. E. Livingston, L. G. Metcalf, H. D. Williams, D. R. Stevens, C. H. Harrington, R. G. MacPherson and F. M. O'Neill.

Louis Svarz 1910, Course IV, won the competition for the design of the title page of the Musical Clubs section of Technique 1910. Quite a number of good designs were submitted.

QUEEN DOWAGER OF THE INSTITUTE

Mrs. Rogers Celebrates Eighty-Fifth Birthday Tomorrow

There is one person living, and only one, who has known and loved the Institute from its first conception in the mind of Professor William Barton Rogers and throughout all the vicissitudes of its existence until today. That person is his beloved wife, whose eighty-fifth birthday will be celebrated tomorrow.

It was science which induced Professor Rogers, then of the University of Virginia to visit New England on a geological excursion in 1845, but it was Emma Savage, a young lady whom he met that summer for the first time in the White Mountains who eventually brought him to Boston and thus, through him, gave us the unique and splendid Institute that we have today.

This is neither the time nor the place to relate how Mrs. Rogers' life became blended with that of her husband in a lofty devotion to science and a passionate loyalty to the Institute. Only those who have had the rare privilege of her intimate acquaintance realize how completely her whole life has been absorbed in the foundation, organization and success of her husband's plans for technological education in Boston. They alone can tell of the terrible years of anxiety, when President Rogers lay dangerously ill and unable to be at his post; of low tides in the Institute's history when friends were few, and financial burdens almost too heavy to be borne; of mergers, old and new, threatening to impair the integrity of the great School, whose birth, childhood and strong manhood she has always watched with fond solicitude.

Many, however, know the gracious presence, the generous hospitality, the spirited personality, of Mrs. Rogers. And one of the richest endowments of the Institute for the future will be traditions of the high-bred gentlewoman whose noble courage, sympathy, and devotion cheered and upheld the Founder of the Institute in his great work. May her example be an inspiration to her successors in all the coming generations.

The engagement is announced of William Durant Milne, 1908, to Lorna MacLean, Wellesley, 1908.

The marriage of Francis Bradley, 1902, to Miss Grace Redfeam of Boston is also announced.

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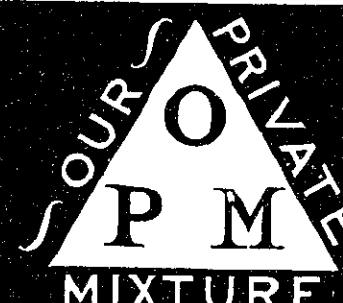
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