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Hats off!

On to Hyde Park!

Locker room at the Field opens Monday. Get the habit and keep healthy.

Tech assumes intercollegiate relations in a new line of sport—Gym work. Will the team make good?

It's around the world with W. B. Tardy at the Union tonight. Mr. Tardy besides being a good seaman is a rattling good talker and those who embark with him tonight are assured a delightful trip.

Now that the Technology fencing team seems certain of winning the intercollegiate preliminaries tomorrow night, it is up to the fellows to show the individual members of the team that their efforts have been appreciated. Everyone who can should be at the Gym tomorrow night at eight.

Data of considerable value to a man in helping him to determine his course of life can be gathered from the biographies of men who have made good. Technology men ought to be especially interested in the biographies of great engineers.

In the Engineering News of February 11 is a sketch of the life of Edward Bates, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Among other things, this says that Mr. Bates, on reaching the age of 57 years has retired from active practise for the purpose of following certain branches of knowledge outside of his profession, which, due to the pressure of technical work, he has never before had time to pursue. That a man of Mr. Bates' standing in the engineering profession should do this is not only interesting but significant to engineers as the attitude of a man who has more than made good.

It is safe to say that he would not care to give up the best years of his life to a broad pursuit of knowledge if he had not all of his life been interested in things outside of his profession. Undoubtedly this broad and lasting interest, which seems to be the most striking point in regard to his life (except that he is not a college graduate), has had considerable weight in making him a great engineer. This is an example of the truth that other things being equal the man with the biggest, broadest interests is the greatest man. It should interest Institute men to note that the greatest success does not always lie in strict specialization, for here is a great engineer, whose most striking quality is that he possessed and kept up a broad interest in all branches of human knowledge.

CORPORATION ELECTION

At its stated meeting, held on Wednesday afternoon, the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology elected as the three term members for the current five year period, Walter B. Snow '82, Theodore W. Robinson '84, and Charles R. Richards '85.

The reports of the standing committees on the departments of chemistry, modern languages, and English were presented at the meeting.

The appointment of Professor C. M.

Spofford to the Hayward Professorship of Civil Engineering was confirmed.

The gift of \$5,000 by Mrs. Elizabeth Burling Osgood for the establishment of a scholarship in electricity was announced.

It was announced that the Executive Committee had asked Dr. Maclaurin to assume office on June 1, 1909. Dr. Maclaurin and Mrs. Maclaurin will be in Boston today and tomorrow. Dr. Maclaurin will confer with Pres. Noyes.

NO CHANGES MADE

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A committee will be appointed to look after this matter. The idea is to keep dates of meetings, dinners, and the like posted as far in advance as possible and to have this calendar consulted by the officers of the organization and managers of teams before making final dates, thus avoiding conflicts in so far as possible.

L. D. Nisbet 1909, spoke of the necessity of a reading light in the lecture room of the Union so that speakers might read their notes while the lantern is in use. This will be referred to the Union Committee. Nisbet further declared that any man who wore his hat in the Union should "not only be severely spanked, but should have a rope tied around him and hung out of the Union window for the edification of the passerby!" Nisbet was appointed by the chair to frame a suitable set of resolutions regarding this matter, to be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

Other questions of interest brought up were those of ventilation in the Union and sanitation in Rogers building. Regarding sanitation a letter is to be sent to the faculty calling their attention to the inadequacy of the present system, as well as to its decidedly unsanitary and unhealthful condition.

Pres. J. H. Critchett 1909, announced that flowers were presented to Mrs. Barton Rogers on her birthday and that the latter expressed herself as much pleased with the gift.

C. W. Hubbard 1909, tendered his resignation as a member of the committee, as he is no longer president of the Mechanical Engineering Society.

Mr. Howard W. DuBois, mining engineer of Philadelphia, will speak in Huntington Hall on March 15th, at 8 P. M. His topic will be "The Determination of Salting in Mine Examinations."

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