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The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of M. A. Oettinger 1912 as associate-editor.

The idea of some of the professors at the Institute that classes losing a recitation or laboratory period because of a holiday, should make this work up by having enough lessons to prepare for the following recitation, strikes most of the undergraduate body as a mistaken one.

These holidays at the Institute are few enough and short enough to make every one appreciate them when they arrive, but how much nicer it would be to have a real holiday, with no extra work to do, than one which is a holiday in name only.

COMMUNICATION

Editor "The Tech,"

Dear Sir—One of the most pleasant features of our tame life at the Institute has always been the convocations arranged by the Institute Committee. It is through these meetings that we get the ideas of the men who address us, and an idea of things outside our own little sphere. Two or more years ago these meetings were enjoyable, not only for these insights we got into outside things, but also for the opportunity offered for the display of a little enthusiasm.

But lately the spirit of these meetings has degenerated a lot. Instead of class cheering and organized noise, we have the noise of individuals and a more or less dejected state of affairs. It is high time that those in authority got together and formulated a code of ethics to govern our convocations, since we have no venerable customs to be followed year after year. Let us have places assigned for each class, and let the classes occupy their assigned positions; let us understand clearly to whom and when the "rising greeting" shall be given; and once we have risen, let us understand when to sit down again. These are only the broadest features to be considered; the rest is up to the men in charge of the arrangements. What do you think about it?
A JUNIOR.

PLAN LONG TRIP

Course XIII Men Hold Meeting-- Give 1912 Men Shingles

The naval architectural society held its third meeting of the year this afternoon in one of the department's rooms. The first business was to decide to have a trip to Fore River Works on Thursday, Dec. 2 Then came a discussion regarding the awarding of shingles to the entering men. It was decided to have the men pay \$1.50 dues and receive their shingles.

The chairman told about a proposed trip to the ship yards along the coast. The cost of the trip will be about twenty-five dollars, including everything. The trip will include all of the important ship yards of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News and Washington. Quite a few men expressed a desire to go. The plan was left for further discussion.

HORNET'S NEST

Quincy and Cupid were indulging in a profound game of chess when I entered the Cradle. Probably not more than a dozen words had been exchanged by them during the last half hour, and Cupid was glad of a break in the monotony.

"Hello!" said he, "I thought you were following the flag with the rest. Art not a Scarecrow?"

"Probably, but how did the bird know that? I've just come back from the Shops and am not yet in touch with the current events. What's doing?"

"Easy to elucidate: the Scarecrow Club has reached Stage Two. These mushroom societies are very like the market panics described by Chauncy Banks—First the excitement, then the boom, and then the crash.

"They all develop along the same curve, and when the 212 degrees F. point is reached the thing goes off on a tangent. A handful of Dutchmen will get together over a beer and suddenly find that they "godder a verein haben," So they do. Then some Spokaneites decide that there should be some organization to bring them into closer touch. Hence the Spokane Social Society appears. Then some more observant party gives each club a very attractive set-up in the year book. 'Everybody get aboard! How? Why we believe in physical culture and will adopt a snappy stride and perambulate the countryside. We'll have a Walker Club.' And THEY do. And when Ticatac is published their aims are accomplished and the bubbles burst.

"Now, in the present instance, some seer looked up and saw a fake dirigible hanging in front of the Food Fair, and immediately had an inspiration. There must be a Scarecrow Club. It's fashionable, and everybody would come in. Get a Big Man to give a talk and then start it up. And they did. The questions that they put to the Big Man showed how much they needed a Scarecrow Club. The thing that gets me is how on earth did such sophisticated individuals as Dick, Cad and Biliken get roped in?"

"Such shocking sedition" came from the doorway, and we suddenly looked up to see the grinning visages of the three in question.

Capt. W. D. Allan was certainly a good choice for the members of the Gym team. He is an all-round athlete and holds the record for the pole vault at the Institute. Here is good luck to Allan for a good season

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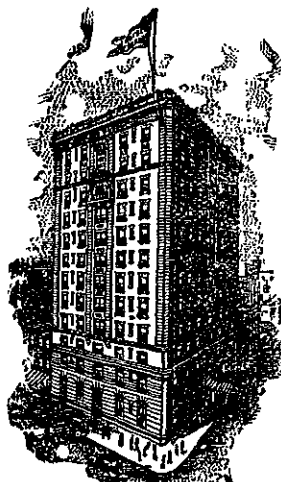
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