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PRICE ONE CENT

### 1913 DINNER TO BE HELD AT THE CRAWFORD HOUSE

#### Big Crowd and Good Speakers Will Help Make Affair Successful

For the past week or more, the freshman dinner committee has been hard at work. Now the tickets are on sale and between now and the date set for the dinner to take place it is expected that every loyal 1913 man will buy one of them. There is little question but that this will be the best freshman class dinner that has ever been held by an entering class here at the Institute.

The speakers selected are all prominent and popular here at the Institute. In fact the committee have high hopes of persuading President MacLaurin to be present to give one of his usual entertaining speeches. The date set is a week from next Thursday, December 16th. This date was chosen so as not to interfere with the Musical Club Concert which comes on the following Friday. The place for holding the dinner is the Crawford House, situated in Scollay Square. This hotel was decided on because of its well known reputation for serving excellent food and having good service. Some discussion took place at the committee meetings as to whether or not the meal should be served at the Union but in as much as the general feeling of the class was that it be held elsewhere, the Crawford House was decided upon.

Another question thoroughly discussed by the committee and the class officers was the matter of price per plate. It seems that to get a suitable dinner, one dollar must be asked. Therefore, this price has been decided on and there is little doubt but that it will prove satisfactory to all. But to have a successful affair of it there must be a good crowd present and from all that has been learned a good time may unquestionably be promised to all. The dinner committee urges that everyone buy their ticket at once. They will be on sale at the Union to-day, Thursday and Friday. Step up, pay your dollar and look forward to a great time on December 16th.

#### PROF. FAY WILL SPEAK

#### Interesting Address Expected-- Prof. Barrows To Be Present

Professor Harold K. Barrows, recently appointed to the hydraulic engineering department, has been secured for the second dinner of the civil engineering society on Tuesday evening, December 14th. This will probably be the first time that the members of the society will meet Prof. Barrows socially. He, however, will probably only say a few words to the society. The program committee considers itself very fortunate in being able to present as the speaker of the evening Prof. Henry Fay.

Professor Fay, will talk on the subject, "Causes of the Failure of Structural Materials." Prof. Fay, has done considerable work in this line of investigation and may be depended upon to present his talk in the most interesting way.

The first dinner of the society, held on October 8th, was attended by most of the members and some very interesting talks were given. Professors Spofford, Porter and Allen, and Dean Burton were the speakers at that meeting.

Since that date, about sixty new men have joined the society and this dinner will probably be the biggest of the term. Tickets may be obtained from members of the society.

### LYRICS FOR 1910 SHOW ARE FEW IN NUMBER

#### Management Desires More Men To Come Out And Compete --Places Open

With only about a week and a half left of the competition for lyrics for "The Queen of the Cannibal Isles," Tech Show 1910, there have been an unusually small number of verses submitted to stage manager Greenleaf for comment, and it is high time for all who intend to write lyrics to get down to work. The competition closes on Saturday, December 18. At this time last year a large number of lyrics had already been handed in, and it certainly seems as though there should be a great many more men who have the ability and the desire to write songs for the leading college show of the country. The management therefore wishes to urge upon those who came out for the competition and upon any others with the ability who did not, the utmost importance of bright, catchy songs, in the making of a successful show. When Mr. Francis was in Boston on the twentieth of last month he expressed the wish that there would be a large number of lyrics this year, as the show selected was especially adapted to the use of more songs than any one previous. He also said that a man should hand in lyrics even though he had written only a single stanza of one song, that if it was good, he could work it in and the man would be given due credit for his work.

Immediately after the lyric competition closes the call for music writers will be issued, so in case any man has written both lyric and music, he would better hand in both at the end of the lyric competition, or at least see the stage manager about it as soon as possible.

#### APPARATUS WORK BEGUN

#### Gym. Classes Start With Exercises On Parallel Bars And Horse

Apparatus work has begun for the freshmen at the gym. Starting Monday the men, after going through the free work have gone to work on the parallel bars and the horse. They are making this work more interesting and seem more cheerful than heretofore.

As the work is done now, the men spend about half the hour on the free work, under one of the instructors. This work is getting more advanced and causes considerable puffing. The music is a great help although many fellows don't seem to appreciate it.

After the free work the class is divided into two parts one half under Mr. Kanaly and the other under Mr. McNamara. Coach Kanaly has been putting his men over the Swedish vaulting horse and the men take much enjoyment watching their fellows do their "stunt."

Some of the tricks are rather too much for the majority to perform gracefully.

The men under Mr. McNamara have been tangling themselves up on the parallel bars. It is acrobatic which is the more graceful squad. The men, however, are getting interested in the work and take more kindly to it than before. There has been some trouble about behavior in the classes, but this trouble seems to be getting less.

### W. H. BLOOD, JR., SPEAKS TO ELECT. ENG. SOCIETY

#### Talks Of Qualities Necessary For Successful Electrical Engineer

That absolute honesty, perseverance, accuracy in all things, alertness, initiative, tact and loyalty are the qualities necessary for a successful electrical engineer was the statement of Mr. William H. Blood, Jr., 1888, in his address to the Electrical Engineering Society last evening.

"Whatever is the position in which the graduate finds himself, he should endeavor to be at the top of that strata. Perhaps the best way to do this is to be absolutely honest, especially to himself. The coloring of reports and biased testimony upon the witness stand will seriously injure a man's professional reputation. Accuracy is another essential qualification for success, but to be accurate does not mean to figure the cost of a million dollar equipment down to cents, for such a procedure is extremely misleading. The electrical engineer, particularly, must be ever on the alert for new developments in his profession, and he must have 'gumption.' Without these two qualities the training he has received is valueless. Still a man may have all these characteristics, and not be an entire success, owing to his lack of tact. While it may sometimes be necessary to call a spade a spade, it is not necessary to call a spade a blank blanked shovel."

As Mr. Blood is a graduate of the Institute he threw considerable light on the value of the studies in the curriculum. According to his views, the higher branches of mathematics, calculus and theoretical electricity, for example, are of little direct value, but they are very valuable for the training they give. Precision of measurements, however, is a study that is of direct value. Mr. Blood also pointed out the necessity of skill in mental arithmetic and in the manipulation of the slide rule. "When it comes to studies of a broadening nature, the importance of the study of English classics cannot be over-estimated," said Mr. Blood.

In order to get experience as an undergraduate in the management of affairs, the student activities here at the Institute are useful.

To sum up, Mr. Blood said that the men must be broad; the grinds in his class were never heard of again, while the men in the second rank, who were good students, and all around men, have made their mark in later life.

This speech of Mr. Blood's followed a short meeting of the society, in which the constitution was amended so as to permit members of Course XIV to become members of the society. About 60 men were present at this meeting. Treasurer Greene announced that the names would be written on the shingles in the way they appeared in Technique 1910, unless the individual members gave him other directions. The following sophomores were admitted to the society as associate members: F. H. Busby, H. W. Coddling, J. A. Cook, J. P. Fisk, E. H. Guilford, H. D. Kemp, M. J. Kimball, O. C. Lombard, J. W. Lovell, E. M. Mason, B. H. Morash, K. C. McConney, L. R. Pacheco, C. W. Webber and H. L. Woehling.

John S. Kennedy's bequest of \$100,000 to Yale will go into the general university endowment and extension fund, which by the last report of the treasurer, amounted to \$2,505,333. This latter sum does not include the Hewitt legacy of \$350,000.

### ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1911 DINNER COMPLETED

#### Prominent Men To Speak-- Prom. Elections To Be Announced

Slightly different will this year's 1911 dinner be from that of last year. Then, 1911 was a sophomore class and they had to contest their right to hold their dinner, with the 1912 men. The toastmaster of 1911 was kidnapped and in many other ways the peacefulness of the dinner was disturbed. When quiet was finally gained, Dean Burton, Mr. Blackstein and L. D. Nisbet entertained the 137 members of the class.

This year, although they won't be bothered by any other class, a spirit of excitement will prevail. The Prom committee elections will be announced. That one item is sufficient to bring many men out to the dinner.

The dinner comes at 6.30 o'clock sharp, Friday night, just before the Union entertainment. It will afford a good chance for many of the men to get their lunch before attending the talk upstairs.

The committee in charge have arranged an excellent menu with the steward of the Union and everything promises to be first-class.

Even if the many other inducements fail to bring out the men in large numbers, a mention of the speakers will certainly assure a big crowd. Professor Talbot, who has never addressed the class as a whole except as a lecturer, will speak; Prof. Hayward and Bursler Rand complete one of the best lists of speakers ever heard at a class dinner. Following the example of 1910 in asking the speaker for Union night to attend the dinner, President Lucius Tuttle of the B. & M. has been invited to be present.

Tickets are going well but the dinner committee wants to have a record-breaking attendance, so they wish all members of the class to procure tickets at once. These may be obtained from the following men:

C. F. Hobson; S. P. Kimball; L. G. Fitzherbert; M. A. Grossman; W. C. Salisbury; E. A. Nash; S. R. Copeland.

#### SPECIAL COURSE ISSUE

The first of a series of course issues of The Tech will be published Saturday. The civil engineering number, composed of articles by professors, graduates and leading students of that course takes the place of the regular number. This will be larger than the usual issue and will be five cents a copy. Subscribers, however, will receive the number without extra cost. Further details will be found in to-morrow's Tech.

#### CALENDAR.

Wednesday, December 8.

1:00-2:00 1913 Dinner Tickets on Sale.  
4:00 Hockey Practice at Gym.  
4:00 Basket Ball Practice.  
4:15 Gym Team Practice.

Thursday, December 9.

4:00 Junior Prom, Election Closes.  
4:30 Physical Society, 20 Walker.

Friday, December 10.

1:00 1910 Class Meeting in H. H.  
4:00 Basket Ball Practice.  
4:00 Wireless Meeting, H B  
6:30 Junior Class Dinner.  
7:00 Phillips Exeter Dinner, American House.  
8:00 Friday evening Entertainment.