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1911 ANNUAL DINNER IS GREAT SUCCESS

Addresses By Professors Breed,
Hayward And
Talbot

Don't be too much of a grind! Get together as a class and don't allow a few men to do all the work and gain all the experience and benefit! Be observant of the men who do things, and strive to work a little of their ginger into your system! This is, in a nutshell, the gist of three rousing good addresses to the Junior class at their annual dinner.

One hundred and twelve members of the class of 1911 assembled around the festive board in the Union at 6.30 last Friday evening. The occasion was the celebration of their third anniversary as a class at the Institute. President S. B. Copeland presided. Upon the call of former president W. C. Salisbury, three cheers were given with a will for Copeland, in honor of his first real appearance before the class as President. Mr. Copeland responded by expressing the desire that the class might put together as a unit and thereby carry to success the many important features of Junior year.

The announcement of the Prom. Committee election was made at the end of the dinner, and of course occasioned much interest. President Copeland then introduced as the first speaker of the evening, Prof. C. B. Breed of the Civil Engineering Department.

Professor Breed considers himself a member of the Junior class, inasmuch as his time is spent largely with the third year classes in Railroad and Highway Engineering. Apropos of the announcement of the selection of the Prom Committee, he announced as his theme the subject of "Student Activities."

The growth of student activities at the Institute is a matter of a very few years. At the time when Prof. Breed was himself a student, the Junior Prom. Committee was practically the only position to strive for. The last ten years has seen the rise of all the great variety of other activities now open to the students.

Who derives the best advantages from student activities? There are, in general, two extreme types of men at the Institute—one, ordinarily called "grind," confines himself entirely to his school work and shies at all mention of student activities; he it is who needs their broadening influence the most.

The other type is the man whose life work is, in many cases, all laid out for him at birth, owing perhaps to business interests in the family, and whose training at the Institute is merely a stepping-stone to business life; he it is who is generally successful in the extreme in the activities outside the classroom; but he it is who needs them the least.

A second way which a student may develop is by getting into closer touch with his teachers. There are very few teachers at the Institute who at all resemble the good professor who forgot his watch one morning, and when half-way to his destination took it from his pocket to see how much time he had to go back and get it. The teacher of today is not led into that profession by salary inducements, but through pure love of the work, and much valuable sincere advice, which is the result of long experience, can be imparted to the student who will advance half-way.

Prof. H. W. Hayward, of the Mechanical Engineering Dept., was the second speaker. He desired to be placed on record as repeating all that Prof.

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PRES. MACLAURIN WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Old Show Men In "Mumming
Play"—Prof. Arlo Bates
Will Read

A mumming play will be the feature of the President's Christmas party to be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Maclaurin.

450 Tech men who are far from home, as well as the seven Tech co-eds, have been invited. There will be a Christmas tree, some of the old Christmas songs will be sung by members of the glee club, Prof. Arlo Bates, will read from "The Christmas Carol," and finally there will be presented by former show men, an old mumming play entitled "St. George and the Dragon." Prof. Bates is coaching this play, and he has kindly given the following explanation of what a mumming play is:

"The mumming representation of the mighty deeds of St. George, the champion saint of England, were played at Christmas, all over the land for centuries. Of the survival of this custom in the nineteenth century a vivid picture is given by George Meredith in "The Return of the Native." Bands of rustics got together, learned by heart the text which had been handed down from generation to generation, often without ever having been put on paper, improvised rude costumes, and went from house to house of the gentry, to do their mumming, and to be rewarded with "cakes and ale" and gifts of money. The text of some of these old plays has been preserved by the folk lore societies; and a revision belonging in its present form to the eighteenth century, will be acted by a band of former students. The characters are Father Christmas, St. George, a veritable Dragon, a Turkish Knight, a Giant and a Doctor. The Doctor was a needed member of the troupe, since when the play was given in the open hall of a manor house, the dead characters had to be restored to life in order to make their exit. The play is a quaint bit of the old English Christmas, amusing in itself and doubly interesting from its associations."

The men who attend the president's Christmas party will also have the pleasure of meeting the wife of the founder of the Institute, Mrs. William Barton Rogers.

INDOOR TRACK WORK WILL BEGIN MONDAY

For the past three or four weeks the Track work has been carried on over at the Gym. The men out for class and varsity teams have been hard at it and Coach Kanaly has shown them no mercy when it came to stiff practice. Almost all the running was done out on the streets but now as the weather grows colder this will have to stop; accordingly the candidates for the track will work off their surplus energy indoors to-day. The work will consist largely of sprints on the part of candidates for the short distances and longer runs for the remainder. In addition to this, some little time will be devoted to the practicing of starts, for, as everyone knows, this is of vital importance to the success of any team. So far the work has been highly successful and encouraging. Coach Kanaly said when interviewed, that he sincerely hopes the men will keep coming regularly and working as conscientiously as they have during the past two weeks.

SNAPPY MEETING OF THE SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Portfolio Committee
To Be Chosen At The
Coming Election

The senior class held a short snappy business meeting in Huntington Hall last Friday.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. R. F. Goodwin, at 1:10 and the reports of the secretary and of the treasurer were called for. These were accepted as read. The treasurer's report showed a cash balance of \$27.80.

President Goodwin then announced that nomination for the Senior Portfolio Committee would be received until Wednesday, Dec. 15; the nominees will be announced on Saturday, Dec. 18, and all the ballots are to be in by the following Wednesday. The following men were appointed to the election committee: H. S. Clewendon, W. D. Everett, and K. D. Fernstrom.

It was decided that only those men who have paid their class dues up-to-date should be allowed to vote at this election.

In regard to this Senior Portfolio committee the treasurer of the classes makes the following statement:

"The Senior Portfolio Committee which is to be chosen at the coming election, is one of the most important, if not the most important, committee of the Senior year. It holds the same place in the Senior class that the Technique Board holds in the Junior class. In selecting those who are to serve on this committee, the men of the Senior class should forget all factional and personal feeling, and should vote only for men whom they know to be conscientious and capable workers. The Senior Portfolio should be the result of the work of the Senior class, and not the overworked effort of a faithful few."

1913 BASKET-BALL

Win From Newton, 23-17--
Schedule Of Games

At the Newton Y. M. C. A., last Friday the freshman basket-ball team won their first game, defeating Newton High by the score of 23 to 17. At the end of the first half, which was played under Y. M. C. A. rules, the score stood 12 to 11 in favor of 1913. The second period was under the college rules giving the freshmen a chance to show their superiority in both styles of play. The two sets of rules resulted in quite a large number of fouls on both sides. Johnson and Croker excelled for Tech while Cady and Osborne did good work for Newton. Following is the line up: M. I. T., 1913

Newton Crocker, l.f. r.b., Wood Darling, (Elwell, r.f. l.f., Merrill Johnson, c. e., Fuller Muther, (Johnson), r.g. l.f. Osborne Cahill, (McCarthy, Thompson) l.g. r.f., Cady

Score. 1913, 23; Newton 17; Goals from floor-Crocker, Johnson 3, Cady 2, Osborne, Fuller, Wood. Goals from fouls, Johnston 5, Cady 7.

The basket-ball schedule for this season is:

Dec. 17	.....	Winchester
Jan. 8	.....	1912
Jan. 14	.....	Somerville
Jan. 21	.....	Open
Jan. 28	.....	Winthrop
Feb. 2	.....	Concord
Feb. 12	.....	Wellesley
Feb. 16	.....	1912
Feb. 22	.....	Melrose

BASKET-BALL MEN GET STRENUOUS PRACTICE

Six Of Last Year's Men Have
Come Out This Winter--
Subs Doing Well

Varsity Basket Ball practice has started in with much enthusiasm. The first weeding out of the candidates has taken place, and the squad has been reduced to about sixteen men. Among these sixteen there are many excellent players and this makes the prospects for a remarkably good team bright. Of the seven men who constituted last year's playing squad, six have reported this year; in addition to these there are over half a dozen who are good enough to be placed as first substitutes.

The men of last year's team are: Capt. T. B. Parker, 1911; P. M. Wentworth, 1910; last years Captain, G. R. Lord, 1910; A. T. Bennis, 1912; W. B. Hargraves, 1910; and F. G. Tait, 1910.

The following new men come out to practice regularly: J. Avery, C. R. Johnson, G. S. Darling, G. A. Cahill,



A. M. WENTWORTH 1910

L. W. Chandler, S. S. Croker, J. Balch, R. B. Stone, W. M. Pettengill. Manager Everett urges every candidat to realize the necessity of coming out to practice regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first game of the season has been arranged with Tuft's for January 5, and the manager hopes to start the season with a victory for Technology.

During the time that the Basket Ball Team is at practice all other teams or groupes of students are supposed to keep off the floor. It was stated at the Gym that this rule would be strictly enforced from now on.

CALENDAR.

Monday, December 13.
4:15 Gym Team Practice.
4:15 Basket-Ball Practice.
Tuesday, December 14.
6:30 C. E. Society Dinner at Union.