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COMMUNICATIONS

Editor of The Tech,
Dear Sir:—

One striking example of the abuse of the Union and its surroundings by men professing to be loyal sons of Technology, is the way in which the walls of some of these surroundings have been disfigured.

In many of these places one may find verses or sketches, which are unelevating in the extreme. All, or practically all, are "as old as the hills" in their sentiment and certainly reflect no credit upon those responsible for their place on the walls.

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This abuse has seemed more extensive than ever this year, and it is about time for the Institute Committee to keep a watchful eye open and try to stamp out this existing abuse.

"Those who have ears, let them hear."

O. B. D. '11.

To the Editor of The Tech and the Fellows of Technology:

From the article on track work in Monday's Tech it seems that Prof. Kanaly, our friend "Frank," is just as hopeful as ever that Technology will yet win the N. E. I. A. A. meet. The only reason Dartmouth won last year was because Tech men didn't go out and work and stay out. If a man doesn't put the shot 40 feet his first try is no indication that he will not be a winner some day by keeping at it. The fact that a man can not run two miles in ten minutes, his freshman year is no excuse for him to stay home and play ping-pong. The present holder of the 2-mile record was a hopless case at first. But he stuck at it, and won.

I'm not in the running any more, but I am still heartily interested in my Alma Mater and I want to see Tech at the top of the heap. There should be at least 100 men doing track work this winter. That is the only way that Tech can have winning teams.

Now get busy fellows, at the first call and show Kanaly that Tech spirit is not a joke and good luck to you, from your friend,

J. N. Stephenson, 1909.

COURSE I ISSUE

This letter from Mr. Rollins, President of the Holbrook, Cabot and Rollins Corporation, came in too late for Saturday's Special Issue. The Tech accordingly prints it today.

To a Technology man, graduating in the Civil Engineering course and in Railroading or General Engineering, the main opening must come from the railroads, the city or town engineer's offices and the work for the various commissions doing work in the Commonwealth, and I must admit that these sources of employment offer no great inducements for many years to young engineers, either in position or in salary. So many of the men that graduate seem to be wedded to Boston that they flood the market, are easily obtained, and at a very small salary. All our railroads, city engineer's offices and state boards seem to be able to get all the men they want, and pay them very little salary. The two latter classes have to take them in from the civil service list and of course Tech men easily pass these examinations, better than others, and so these positions are filled very generally with technical graduates. The field of civil engineers seems to be away from the big cities, out west or in foreign lands, where they can get some position of authority, some experience, and also good pay.

A new field of late years has opened up for young engineers, in taking up contracting. Most of the great public works today require more ability to execute than to plan the work. Strictly technical men, good mathematicians and figurers can be hired for $100 per month, and they can tell the theoretical story. To execute the work with the theory behind you takes executive ability of the best order, common sense, energy, ability to handle men, to meet emergencies and to deal with the outside world and the men who can fill this bill are scarce and can ask and obtain good salaries. Today many of the successful large contractors are engineers, others if not engineers hire the best engineers they can find to do their work and to be trained to fill executive positions as their experience warrants. This to my mind is one of the great fields for civil engineers, good position, pleasant work and satisfactory results.

J. W. Rollins, Jr., '78

CLIPPING

The following is clipped from the current number of "Life," under the heading of "Popular Birthdays."

ARLO BATES
Born December 16, 1850.

Cum tabulis animum censoris sumat honesti.—Horace.

The English language has its slums, no less notorious than Whitechapel. That you have toiled among nouns and verbs as a settlement worker is surely worth while. And that an admirable spirit of lucidity has governed you, and pedantry has passed you by, is much to your credit. A list of your volumes attests your general worth. Philology has taken on a lighter but none the less distinguished atmosphere since you came to be its younger brother. To be literary for so many years in the midst of Boston and still to survive, is an admirable achievement. May time touch you as lightly as you have touched on some of the heavy problems of literature.

Here's to you!

(For those men who are unversed in the Latin classics we print the following translation of the quotation from Horace's Epistle to Julius Florius: "With his own writings, he assumes the spirit of a censor.")

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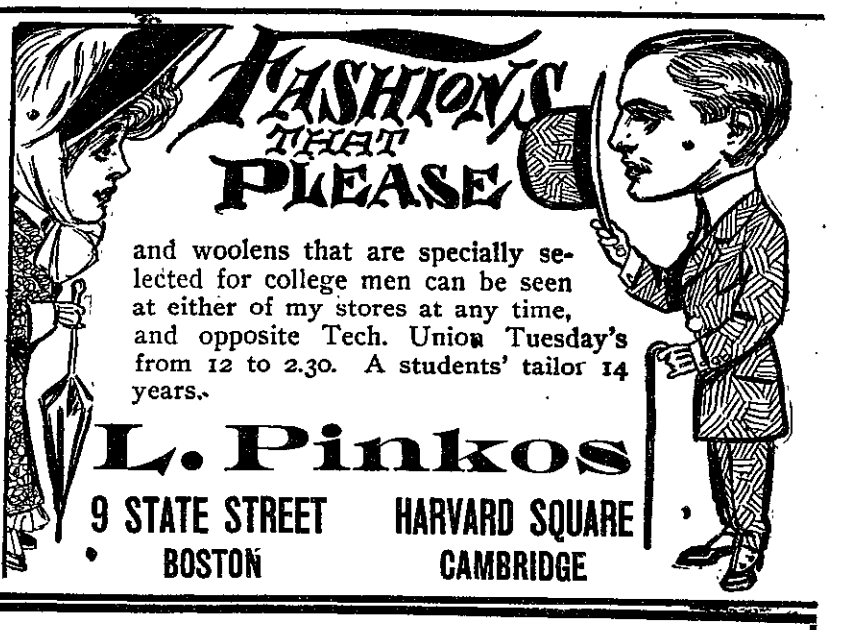

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