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**MILITARY SCIENCE.**

The Drill hour, on Mondays and Fridays, on and after January 3rd will be changed from three to two o'clock.

WALTER HUMPHREYS,  
Registrar.

**LIBRARY.**

Receipts, dated but not signed, for the following books have been left in the General Library:

July 1, 1909—Statham, H. H. Architecture for General Readers.  
November 16, 1909—Macaulay, T. B. History of England, Vol. 1.

The borrowers are requested to return these books.

**COURSE III.**

You cannot be good old '49-ers, but you can all be good loyal Course III. men. The special issue of The Tech for your course will appear this Saturday; an issue chuck full of things you either did not know, or wanted to have elucidated. There will be a number of pictures touching on and appertaining to you and your work, making the paper especially valuable as a souvenir or for reference. Turn out then, you miners, and bring enough nickels with you to get copies of Saturday's Tech for yourself, your family and your friends.

**WIRELESS SOCIETY.**—All members who wish to have their names included in membership list in 1911 Technique should pay their dues at once. Dues of one dollar, can be left for Kemp 1912, care of Cage, or any officer of the society.

H. L. WOHLING, Sec'y.

**FOURTH YEAR.**

Course II. Option in Heating and Ventilation.—The final examination will be omitted.

Walter Humphreys, Registrar.

**JUNIORS.**

Any Junior who has not received a copy of the questions for the Statisticians Department of Technique may have same by applying at Cage.

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**TECH SHOW**

Poster and Lyric Competitions close Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 4.00 P. M. Posters to be left at the Show office or at the Cage for H. C. Davis, and lyrics for K. Greenleaf. 83, 84, 85.

The "Society of Older Graduates of Columbia" was incorporated under the laws of New York state on Dec. 29, 1909. Any person who has been a member of any class of Columbia College or of the School of Mines up to and inclusive of the classes of 1879 shall be eligible for active membership.

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**PRAISES RAILROADS**

(Published in The Tech by request.)  
To the Editor of The Herald:

The railroads have to take so much criticism from the public for mishaps, many of which are beyond the possibility of control, it seems to me to be nice and kind to publicly thank them when they have done a good thing. My recent trip from Denver to Boston furnished an instance, starting at 10 P. M. Tuesday I was due to catch the Twentieth Century leaving Chicago 2.30 Thursday, with seven hours to spare for delays due to snow, etc. We had lost time until we were seven and a half hours late, when the western manager of the road heard I was anxious to arrive in Boston at 11.45 A. M. Friday. He immediately wired to the general manager at Chicago asking that our train be favored as much as possible and asked the locomotive engineer to take the highest safe speed, with the result that we connected with the Twentieth Century with ten minutes to spare. The Twentieth also did a fine piece of work. The train was 40 minutes late at Albany, on account of a mishap to the St. Louis train, which should have connected at Albany. It made up to 20 minutes late at Springfield, 10 minutes at Worcester, and on time at Huntington avenue. I was therefore able to keep my appointment with my students at Technology at 12 M. Friday.

ROBERT H. RICHARDS.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS.**

"The purposes of the College have not swerved, but the qualifications essential for leadership at the present day have vastly altered. Beside culture and general intellectuality, many outside interests must now be considered. However, the best good will come only if the student will do his college work first. Scholarship is necessary; undergraduate pride should be more prominent in it. A college needs the co-operation of the home. If there is nothing in college that appeals to the student, then the home is at fault."—President Nichols of Dartmouth.

Columbia's action in joining the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States is not believed to have any significance as regards the resumption of football at Columbia, although Dr. Meylan, the official representative, voted for a revision in the rules of the game.

The stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association have fixed upon Wednesday, June 22, 1910, as the date for the intercollegiate boat races at Poughkeepsie next June. The races will take place at the usual time, and will be in the same order as heretofore. The Varsity will as usual be towed down stream, starting from Krum Elbow and finishing one mile south of the bridge.

Five institutions have definitely decided to send crews to the regatta. These are Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Syracuse, and Wisconsin. There is a probability that Georgetown, which has not been represented since 1907, will try to send a crew to Poughkeepsie this spring as Dempsey, an old Georgetown coach, has returned to take charge of the crews there, and already much enthusiasm has been aroused in the sport. It is Georgetown's purpose to get back into the regatta as soon as possible. The authorities at the Annapolis Naval Academy have refused to sanction the Navy's taking part in the race this year.

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