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## CHINESE ENTERTAIN COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

### The Professors Excel in Their Knowledge Of Chinese Questions

The eight Chinese members of the Cosmopolitan Club gave an entertainment last night at the Club rooms, 480 Boylston Street. The rooms were tastefully decorated with Chinese banners and tapestries. There were thirty-six members of the society in the audience. The program follows:

1. Introductory Speech—"Chinese Intercourse with the West,"  
Y. T. Tsai 1910
2. "Old Educational Systems of China,"  
H. T. Shen 1909
3. Chinese Music  
T. C. Seetoo 1912 and F. T. Yeh 1913
4. Lantern Slides—"Glimpses of China,"  
Y. T. Tsai 1910
5. Stories,  
S. Y. Chen 1912
6. Chinese Phonograph Records.
7. Prizes awarded for answer to questions: "What is the total area of China in square miles? How long is the Great Wall? What was the birthday date of Confucius?"  
Prizes were won by Professor H. L. Seaver, Prof. Hovgaard, Prof. C. W. Doten, Mr. Sydney Gunn, D. P. Gaillard and E. M. Sears.
8. Chinese Refreshments.

The correct answers to the questions asked are as follows: The area of China is 4,376,400 square miles. Confucius was born 500 B. C. The Great Wall is 1690 miles long. The prizes were dainty and appropriate Chinese ornaments.

The meeting closed with an M. I. T. cheer for China, followed by a cheer in Chinese for the Cosmopolitan Club.

## GATSKILL EXCURSION

On Friday evening, April 15, a party of 31 geologists met at Catskill, N. Y. to study the paleontologic, structural and physiographic geology of the surrounding area. The party consisted of representatives from Tech, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Rutgers and St. Lawrence. Tech was represented by Professors H. W. Shimer, J. A. Allan, N. L. Bowen and S. J. Schofield of the Geological Department, G. E. Goodspeed Jr., R. L. Bartlett and R. E. Anderson of Course III.

On April 16 a structural section was made from the Hudson River through the folded rocks to a point about four miles west. On April 17, a similar section was made ten miles to the south from the Hudson River through West Camp, Great Falls, to the summit of Catskill mountains. In these two sections a study was made of the folds which included both anticlines and synclines, both symmetrical and asymmetrical, and an excellent transverse section through an overturned anticline. The fossils in most of these strata were quite abundant, thus enabling a more rapid and exact working out of these folds. In the topography these folds exist both in anticlinal valleys, synclinal ridges and the reverse. These folds, which have an approximate north-south trend, are most intense in the east of these sections and gradually flatten out towards the west becoming free from folds after crossing the Hamilton ridge. This ridge lies about half way between the Hudson River and the eastern base of the Catskill mountains, and is formed of the outcropping edges of the thicker sandstone beds, all beds here having a gentle westerly dip. The sections in-

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## WENTWORTH ISSUES CALL FOR TENNIS CANDIDATES

### Outlook Is Good For Fine Team This Year--Many Old Men Back

Spring tennis practice has started in earnest. President F. W. Covill 1911 of the Tennis Club has issued the call for candidates to report either to him or to Captain P. M. Wentworth 1910 by leaving word at the Cage. At Tech Field the courts are in good condition and men may practice there at any time without cost. Jarvis Field in Cambridge is also in constant use and is available for Tech men at the low cost of twenty cents per court per hour. The Y. M. C. A. courts on Trinity Place are conveniently near and are open to members of the Boston Christian Association.

Entries for the tournament must be handed in before Tuesday, April 26th. The results of the tournament will decide the ranking of the men and this ranking will determine the men who are to represent Technology in the dual meets and in the New England Inter-collegiate match the last of May.

Dual meets will probably be arranged with Amherst, Williams, Harvard, Dartmouth and Wesleyan. The team should have a very good season since many of the old men are in the game again this year. T. B. Parker 1911, P. M. Wentworth 1910, F. W. Covill 1911 and M. K. Sweet 1911, the best of last year's men are hard at work already. A. Harkness 1911, a member of Brown's team last year, is now at the Institute and is out for the Tech team. A number of other men here who stood among the first ten have good chances this year.

On the tennis bulletin board in Rogers, candidates will find detailed information and notices regarding the standing of the men. There is a good chance for men to make their letters or tennis insignia in the single tournaments or dual meets. Practice is held every fine day on the Y. M. C. A. courts.

## SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY

In commemoration of the anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth, a special celebration is being held at the Schubert Theatre today under the auspices of the New Theatre Company from the New Theatre, N. Y.

At today's matinee performance Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" with Miss Annie Russell in the leading role will be presented. At the evening performance a distinct novelty will be presented in the form of a performance of "The Winter's Tale" in the true Elizabethan style.

Boston, April 23.—Atty.-Gen. Malone, in a message to the Legislature yesterday, declares the Turtle bill to exempt the bonds of the Boston Railroad Holding Company from taxation is unconstitutional. Immediately after the opinion had been read in the House a special message was received from Gov. Draper in which he urged that some legislation be adopted to free the securities of the holding company from double taxation. Upon receipt of the attorney-general's opinion the House, on motion of Representative Washburn, voted against suspending the rules to admit the measure.

He suggested that the legislation take the form of authority on the part of the holding company to issue securities, like preferred stock, the interest from which would be "free from double taxation."

## APPRECIATION OF MARK TWIN BY PROF. SEAVER

### Death Of Great Humorist Is Loss To Europeans As Well As Americans

Allusion to Mark Twain or quotation from his shrewd and comical sayings brings so commonly from Technology fellows an appreciative smile that a word about him may not be superfluous now that a saddened close has ended his long and laborious life. Among Americans few, I think, especially of the Mississippi Valley or the West, can remain untouched by his death. Particularly American, too, as much of his comically extravagant humor seems, he attained fame in Europe; and the honorary degree of Oxford,—most aristocratic and conservative of English universities, was bestowed, in his white-haired age, upon this Missourian who in youth was a down-river printer's devil, and Mississippi pilot and a '49-er.

He spent his early life in the varied scene, and in many capacities, on the Mississippi, and in the West while it was still frontier. A roving temperament drove him from type-setting and piloting to gold-mining and miscellaneous journalism, of all which he made random and unpretentious record in newspaper and magazine essays and in books. Much of the crudity of such life, frequently its downright vulgarity, almost always its carelessness and indifference, are reflected, often unpleasantly, in these early books; but the rough vivacity and keen, panoramic observation of "Life on the Mississippi" and "Roughing It" give them the value that attaches to all true pictures of real life, and make them the most striking historical record of a phase, already past, of that society which Emerson called "this great, intelligent, sensual, avaricious America," and yet loved.

In middle life Mark Twain wrote "Tom Sawyer," the story which first showed his insight into the mind and ways of an American village youngster, and at fifty "Huckleberry Finn," the best, probably, of his stories,—a book which, though depicting the life of a waif on the river in slave days, has appealed, despite any sordidness, to many greater men of letters, even of fastidious type, as a marvellous story, not merely of vagrant adventure, but also of unsophisticated boyhood and its dealings with its own conscience.

One's amusement from the extravagant fun of the books of travel, such as "Innocents Abroad," which first attracted attention to Mark Twain as an American humorist, is likely to cease after some readings, though the mirth of "The Awful German Language" survives one's earlier struggles with that tongue. The humor of the later books has been terribly forced. But readers who have once enjoyed nigger Jim and have felt the fascination of the "little Odyssey" of the Mississippi, return often thankfully to its unflinching freshness and sympathetic truthfulness to boy life.

## SOPHS PLAY WINCHESTER

Today the Sophs are to play Winchester at Winchester. The men will meet in the Union at 1.30. In addition to the men who played against Newton, Stone, Sloan and Pruyn are asked to report.

Winchester appears to have a trifle the better team, but they were beaten by Medford High a week ago, and 1912 may be able to gain the victory.

## TECH FRESHMEN WIN FROM BRIGHTON

### Strong Batting By 1913 Aids In Taking Game By A 4--0 Score

The freshman baseball team defeated Brighton High School yesterday in a six-inning game by a score of 4 to 0. The features of the game were the batting of Severance, a long three-bagger by Eastman, and backward running catch by Elwell. Both teams played consistently but 1913 was stronger at the bat, securing seven hits to Brighton's four—two of Brighton's hits being flukes.

Two runs came in the first inning and two in the sixth. Crocker led off with a two-bagger, stole second, and came home on an error by MacDonald. Elwell struck out and Severance got a single but was caught later stealing 3d. Eastman banded out a triple and came home on MacKinnon's single. The other two in the sixth were secured on a hit by Severance, MacKinnon being hit by a pitched ball and a combination of stolen bases and errors.

Hartford pitched a steady game.

The summary:—

TECH 1913.		ab	h	r	po	a	e
Crocker 2b	.....	4	1	1	2	0	0
Elwell 3b	.....	3	0	0	2	2	0
Severance 1b	.....	3	3	1	3	0	0
Eastman c	.....	3	1	1	1	2	1
MacKinnon ss	.....	2	1	1	0	0	0
Murdock cf	.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Weller lf	.....	3	1	0	0	0	0
Alden rf	.....	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hartford p	.....	2	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	.....	25	7	4	18	6	1

BRIGHTON HIGH.		ab	h	r	po	a	e
Tilton cf	.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
MacDonald c	.....	3	1	0	1	0	1
Carrol ss	.....	3	1	0	1	1	1
O'Regan p	.....	2	1	0	0	1	0
Faherty 3b	.....	2	0	0	1	1	2
Spellman 1b	.....	3	0	0	4	0	0
Donovan lf	.....	2	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy 2b	.....	2	1	0	1	0	0
Genter rf	.....	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.....	25	4	0	18	3	4

Two-base hits—Crocker. Three-base hits—Eastman. Double play—Elwell and Severance. Bases on balls—by O'Regan 2, by Hartford 2. Hit by pitched balls—Genter, MacKinnon. Passed balls—MacDonald 2. Struck out—by O'Regan 10, by Hartford 10. Umpire—H. Woodlock.

## CALENDAR.

- Saturday, April 23.
- 1.30 P. M.—1912 Baseball Team meets in Union for Winchester game.
  - 2.30 P. M.—Spring Inter-Class Meet at Field.
- Tuesday, April 26.
- 4.15 P. M.—Civil Eng. Society in Room 6, Lowell.
  - 7.00 P. M.—1912 Technique Electoral Committee in Union.
- Wednesday, April 27.
- 6.00 P. M.—Technology Christian Association dinner, annual meeting, and election of officers.
- Friday, April 29.
- 4.00 P. M.—1912 Technique Electoral Committee in Union. Annual meeting of Architectural Society.
- Saturday, April 30.
- Tech Show dinner at Union.
  - 6.30 P. M.—Tech Show dinner at Union.