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SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING NOTES

The proper disposal of sewage from a large and thickly populated region is an engineering problem of major proportions, and one which will probably confront some of us in the future. The Passaic river, which flows by several cities in New Jersey, and finally empties into lower New York Bay, is at present considerable of a menace, for it is little more than an open sewer. As a means of doing away with this nuisance, the construction of a conduit for carrying the sewage from the cities to deep ocean water has commenced. Those who are interested in such matters will find it well worth their time to read an illustrated article upon this undertaking which appears in the Scientific American for October 25.

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One more word, upperclassmen, on the question of the office for which the competition starts this noon. That it is one of high honors is attested by its rating of nine points—within one point of the highest positions in the Institute. It is usually attained only after two years of conscientious work on the paper. The present extraordinary opportunity being caused by the total lack of upperclassmen on the news staff and news board, assures each competitor that no one will have the advantage over him of previous experience, either from the point of view of scholarship or from the point of view of journalistic ability. The restriction of candidates to upperclassmen and the high point rating will greatly restrict the number of competitors, so that no one need be afraid to come out, while the absence of freshmen assures that the best man will win.

One Institute activity where lack of support is practically unheeded is the Tech Night performance. It is indeed a lifeless class that fails to turn out in force at this event, yet this seems to be just what the Freshmen intended to do according to present evidence. While the Sophomore and upperclassmen have guarded against the supply of orchestra seats, the balcony, assigned to the Freshmen, is comparatively unoccupied. Perhaps the new men do not realize that these seats go back to the theater Saturday for sale to the general public.

The men in the mile run were limited almost entirely to the cross-country squad.

A big demand for end seats is reported by the Tech Night committee.

The time is at hand for last year's tug-of-war teams to show up at the Oval.

One Sophomore is reported offering five to three on the relay race.

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