Printing in This Year's Book Being Done by New Method.

If you should step into the offices and publishing rooms of the George H. Ellis Company, publishers, any time during this week, you would immediately realize what a large publication Technique really is, for in the words of one who made such a visit, "You don't see anything but Technique around the place." In the composing room you find the word readers busy looking over the final proofs and the workmen busy locking together the forms. Each page as it is finally approved is set in proper place in the printer's form of sixteen pages and from there carried to the press room.

Four large presses are at work on the job, and all running at top speed that the ink may have plenty of time to dry out before the book is sent to the binder. As stated in THE TECH the other day, a new kind of ink is being used on the book which requires great deal more attention than the ordinary sort. To avoid smearing and spotting each sheet has to be "striped," that is, between every printed page as it is delivered by the machine to the bed of the press where the paper is stacked after printing the pressman's assistant has to slip a sheet of absorbent paper to take up the surplus oil required in this new process.

As the printer states, he must depend solely upon the skill of the man who mixes the ink for him for the final result, as when the paper comes off of the press, the ink has not at all the appearance that it will have when it is finally dry, so that the printer cannot tell from the proofs that he gets on his press just what the final result will be. From this it is evident that the printing of the book this year is a much larger and more difficult task than that of former years.

Then, besides the regular printing of the book itself, there are the seven color plates which are to add so much to the appearance of this year's publication. These seven plates are printed all in one form, as the printer says, that is, all seven plates are printed at the same time on one same press. As each plate requires four printings in different colored inks, and as each color must be exactly over the preceding color on that page in order to prevent the blurring and weird effects so often seen in colored supplements, the most exact "register" must be secured. This means that the printer must make twenty-eight impressions which cannot take the hundredth of an inch in their position upon the paper. But aside from the printing the color mixing is of great importance. The colors used are red, blue, yellow and black. These colors are so chosen that but one color yellow, or whatever color it may happen to be, will give exactly the shade desired in all the pictures, and when it is remembered that the one who did the original painting used just whatever color he pleased, one can begin to realize that the making of Technique is as much the work of the printer as it is of the Board.

So, when it is said that the whole printing establishment is at work on Technique, and one realizes the amount of work done by each individual in the concern, one can begin to formulate some idea of what the Technique Board means when they say that this year's publication will set a standard for the books of the future to follow.

Cornell's soccer players were defeated Saturday in their first match in the Interstate series by Harvard.

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE RACE THIS SATURDAY

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