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THE PROM COMMITTEE.

As the climax of the social activities of undergraduate life the Junior Prom deserves the best ability that a class can provide. The fact that the Prom Committee has already selected in its president a competent man for chairmanship of the Prom Committee does not mean that it will be a decided thing for the upper four positions to the good fellows whom everyone would like to have some sort of an office. In making the nominations for the Committee there are two questions which should be rigidly applied to each candidate: He must understand the social requirements of the office and he must have unques
tioned business ability.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of The Tech:

The recently organized Tech Orchestra has already had two rehearsals, and there are prospects of having an excellent student orchestra. Mr. Howard has been engaged as coach, and he plans to start work within a short time on a concert program. Although the showing made is good, more players are very much needed, particularly in the string and wood sections. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday afternoon.

Anyone who plays an instrument and who can name an hour a week should come to the rehearsal next week, or write a note at the Cage for the Tech Orchestra.

DONALD W. MACARDELL, '18.

COURSE XV STUDENTS ON INTERESTING TRIP.

Juniors In Engineering Administration Visit Babson Laboratories.

About twenty men in Course XV went to the Babson Statistical Organization's place at Wellesley Hills, Thursday afternoon, where they were presented with first-hand detailed knowledge of the workings of the famous Babson statistical systems. The department heads of the company talked to the men on three of the branches of the service, viz., the Commodity, the Investment, and the Mercantile-service.

Rup. Pevey explained in particular the meanings of the curves on the desk-sheet which is a special thing that the company publishes. The sheet contains graphical statistics of such matters as Bank Clearings, Labor Conditions, Foreign Trade, American and English Commodity Prices, General Confidence, etc. From this chart all the different graphs bearing on some subject are brought into composite form. The composite chart is the basis of the Babson idea, and seems to back up the Babson idea that the law of action and reaction holds as well in business relations as in the province of physics.

The Babson statistical service projects the general trend of business conditions in any line, and the system has been worked out so carefully that the company's reports are 99% efficient. No definite predictions as to specific conditions as at any given time are attempted; all the service undertaken is the forecasting of the general tendency of the market.

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The charts are comprehensive and convey at a glance such information as may be required. The special system of the composite chart is made up of separate graphs of the market's fluctuations.

Tomorrow afternoon the rest of the men in the stat sheet course—a number that will comprise a party of about the same size as made the trip last week—will go to the Babson laboratories, and receive approximately the same instruction. The men will leave Trinity Place on the 2:09.

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by ten members of the class and each nominee must have his class dues paid before the above time.

Five men are to be elected and the ballots will be mailed to every member of the class by next Monday. The ballots must be postmarked by Friday, December third.

E. P. Brooks as president of the Junior Class will act as Chairman of the committee which has the entire control and management of the Prom.

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