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ELECTIONS.

THE election of class officers for the three upper classes will take place just two weeks from today. Nominating petitions will put in their appearance within a few days and with them will come the annual appeals for endorsement and solicitations for support.

This year the need for positive leaders is imperative. There is man's work to be done in all the classes. In the hands of the class officials, and especially in those of the Senior President, will be shaped the character of student affairs. The times have been too frequent when class executives have been considered a proper way of honoring a man popular in his class. At present the outlook is very favorable for solidly establishing a bonafide "merit" system.

A little pre-nomination thinking on the matter of possible candidates will assist, first of all, in getting the best qualified men named. And concerning the various men that have been casually mentioned—do they possess the proper stuff for a Junior or Senior President? Does the perspective of their two or three years' work at the Institute justify the claims of their partisans as to ability and steadiness? Are the men inclined to short-lived enthusiasm? What about their scholastic standing: are their records all clear now or are they encumbered with the anxiety and labor incident to a "condition" or two.

The necessity for genuine leadership this fall demands the careful scrutiny and co-operation of every undergraduate in the Institute.

THE BANNER TEDIOUS.

AS pointed out by both of today's correspondents, the stunt of draping a class banner in some conspicuous place ceases to appear clever or even amusing after the third appearance. If the men who are so active in engaging in this sort of mischief would devote their energies and enthusiasm to work on the Field Day Teams the Institute at large would far more appreciate their simple souls.

CATHOLIC CLUB DINNER.

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making the best of our makeshift conditions. I consider it a good part of your education to see construction in its crude form and it is under such conditions that we are in our new home."

Rev. Fr. Mark Driscoll, D. D., connected with St. Peter's church of Cambridge was next introduced as the new Chaplain. In his convincing diction Fr. Driscoll emphasized many of the salient points made by the Dean and said further: "Tech men are looked upon as the builders of industry. You are regarded as men who are broad in view and in your makeup you must have character, stamina, metal. Always be loyal to your Institute, and your teachers, and remember further that you reflect good or ill upon your Alma Mater by your every act. Live up to the ideals of youth and be honorable in all that you do. Let us have unity, loyalty and fidelity, and foster charity to all."

Wm. Sweeney, well known in baseball circles, held his audience in loud laughter by his humorous stories, after which Charles Brickley, Harvard '15, had the close attention of the assembly with his interesting analysis and review of football. He believes that brain work is seven or eight tenths of the game and for this reason a team at M. I. T. would be successful—if the time for development was obtainable. He described the method to use in watching a football game and the points to observe which would tell one how the game was to be decided by the first ten minutes of the play. "Success in athletics is practice,"

said Mr. Brickley. "To develop a drop kick, I practised daily from the age of fourteen years. And the other big feature of winning is to have confidence." Mr. Brickley deplored the modern commercialism of the game and explained some of the channels through which the funds went. At the conclusion of his speech (which he insisted was but a talk) he gave a series of predictions upon the prospects of the various college teams for the present season.

At the business meeting which followed, President Drummond expressed his regret at being obliged to resign his office at the next meeting, owing to his leaving the Institute. His successor, and the member of the executive committee from the class of 1920 will be elected at the next session on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Nominations must be signed by ten club members before the meeting.

GLEE CLUB.

The following are successful candidates for First Tenors: Brock, Collins, Goodwin, Howe, Swan, Akers, Roberts, Abercrombie, deBell, Ramsbottom; Second Tenors: Cannon, Craighead, Haviland, Parsons, Travers, Thompson, Wright, Calvert, Likins, Nangle, McClung, Holden; First Basses: Clarks, Proteat, Raymond, Wyley, Grover, Owen, Sale, Wyman, Richards, Braaten, Burke; Second Basses: Campbell, Carr, Frazier, Martin, Reed, Philbrick, Turner, Langley, H. H. Fiske, Conolly, Drew, Prescott.

The first rehearsal will be held Monday at 5.00 o'clock in the Dining Room. Regular rehearsals take place Monday and Thursday at 5.00.



Is it not a strange ebullition of the innate nature of man which makes him, or at least his childhood counterpart, madly desire that form of quasi-intellectual intoxication known as "beating the game," even to the point where he is himself the one beaten? The episodes which occasioned this reflection on The Lounger's part have to do with the "a-la-cart," otherwise known as the Fatted Caf, where every noon the famished multitude moves in response to the slogan of "ten a minute." The following is the "beat," successfully achieved by a mental atavism posing as a student, apparently in the belief that his economic usefulness would be increased if he boarded at the expense of society. The exponent of elementary yeggmanship regularly joins the line of feeders and forages to full capacity. When full to repletion, he again passes the line, this time confining himself to a segment of pie. By these evolutions he becomes the possessor of two price-checks, and of course pays only the amount of the smaller, thereupon proceeding home with inflated chest and the proud consciousness of "something accomplished, someone done." It is evident, inasmuch as the money-saving involved can mean nothing to such a noble soul as The Lounger has just described, that the only incentive to such purloinment must be the exciting element of detection. The Lounger admits that the result of "getting caught" would in all probability be to remove the free boarder aforesaid from membership in a society for which his high attainments evidently unfit him. On the other hand, The Lounger would point out an alternative which he has reason to believe far more likely than detection—a sudden rise in price of the eatables at the Caf, in percentage sufficient to cover losses due to what we may term the "survival of the unfit." This The Lounger prophesies may be expected as soon as it becomes evident that the deadhead is a permanent institution at Technology, and The Lounger is as curious as anyone else to know if such a thing can be.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow" when by happy chance the right soil is found. But as to whether anything, great or otherwise, can possibly grow out of a cigar-butt thrown on the pebbly soil of our campus, The Lounger is more than doubtful. The Lounger also doubts whether the students who spend a large part of their time bracketed on an Institute coping and distributing burnt remnants upon the ground, would apply any overwhelming ability to the study of agriculture—or, perhaps, to any other except the science of "how to roll 'em with one hand."

Rumor—emanating from the Prof's Corner of the Institute Caf—has it that an unwanted sound disturbed the air of our sacred corridors a few days ago. From within the Public Speaking recitation hall a youthful and enthusiastic voice was heard to vociferate a "Waw! Waw! Waw! Hawwad!", to the petrified astonishment of all hearers. The instructor—for it was no other—afterward stated in extenuation that he came from that institution. "My prep school days made a great impression upon me,"

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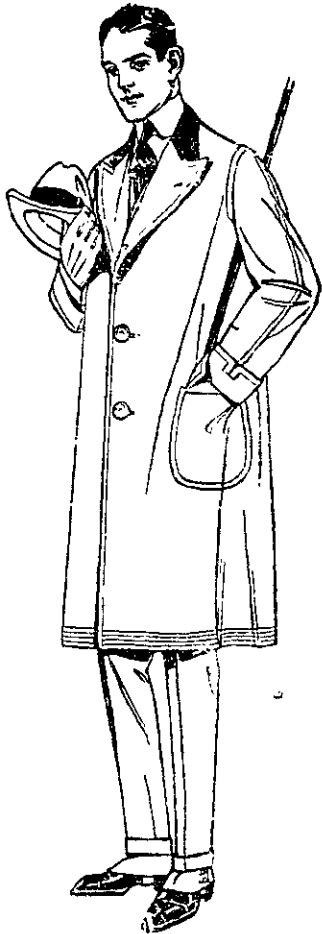
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