O N THE Naval Training Cruise last summer the fifty odd shipmates of the H. M. S. Prince, representing the Naval School of Technology, found the experience beneficial and highly instructive. These men are worth more than the Cambridge and the country for having invested four weeks in the learning of naval methods, the richest communities containing a mint of opportunity to study concentrated and intensive the engineering and the evolution of technical men in many branches of science, particularly in mechanics and electricity.

It is an increasing idea of this war that those who serve a period of practice akin to that offered last year, and now supplemented in the course to be instituted next Monday on the U. S. S. Virginia, will have their opportunity for leadership as well as the accredited members of the Navy. Those who have the occasion arise. The appeal of the sea will be irresistible to those who have already had the tramp of the salt air in their nostrils, and recruits will not be to hold the healthy life they would like to lead. If they elect to join the Navy for a career. To those of Technology the attraction may be the assurance of the machination of war as it applies to the sea. The inclination to join the instructors that will be particularly strong to those who can conveniently lead the life of the student for two years without having the requisite time and inclination may well attempt to add the naval recruits to the considerable list of known that those who were affiliated with the "Atlantic Reserve" in 1915 may possibly attend this year as petty officers, or as members of the "Active Fleet," an advance which is very well considered.

The naval school is a good proposition for the students of the Institute to consider.

PESTS

With apologies to "the Daily Caller.

YOU come across one every day. He is a mild one or a violent one. But a pest in any form— is a PEST. At examination time they come out of their shells in larger numbers than ever. They are of many kinds. First there is the pest who “never looks at a book” and yet gets good grades. He impresses upon the meek freshman his ability to get along without any studying—and gets away with it until one night friend fresh- men and sophomore cousins, the brother of the class, his dormitory. Today he tried to make me believe that the books were merely “cracked” but peeled through his mind. Then there is the pest who is "just going to study." He is the one whose motto is "I'm busy." He is always "GOING to do something." Right beside him walks the pest who wants to borrow your notes, charts, maps, problems, in fact everything which you have done during the term, and which the pest can copy in half an hour. He is one of the biggest nuisances of the pest family.

But the more dangerous form of pest is the one who has nothing to study himself, and accordingly tries to lure all his more industrious friends off to the movies. He is all the more dangerous when of the type of those who do not consider that study is the proper thing to do in college. This pest has a brother in the automobile. He comes into your room to “talk things over” when you want to cram.

Then comes the “overworked” pest. He always has so much to do, and there is no time to do it. Perhaps he also has the qualities of the pest who is just going to start studying. They often travel together. They never sleep, and are always in a hurry.

These are the exam pests. You meet them before and during the examinations. Perhaps if you noticed them you had your own private opinions and gave vent to a few questionable expressions. But there is still another—the grand-child of the family: the off-spring of the two pests just together. It is the "ali-bi pest"—his make-up is full of excuses—a bad cold, unfair instructors, too much smoking for so much studying,—anything. And with him comes the "crab." You know this pair, without any description. These undesirables are more or less in evidence. Do you know any of them? If so, benevolent humanity by trying to bring them back to the realm of noble beings.

The Managing Board of The Tech takes pleasure in announce-
ing the arrival of Brother Lawrence Wesley Barry '20 of Rollston, Mass., and Harry Montgomery Needler '20 of Merrimack, N. H., to the News Staff. Dana Avery Barnes '18 of Boston is to act as Assignment Editor.

THE NAVAL SCHOOL

To Meet Tafts on Twelfth—New Taking Trips

In spite of the fact that Technology's second wrestling team was defeated to the extent of 27-18 by Boston University last week, it is not probable that in the meet held last week Tafts on the 12th. Elimination contests are being held this week and a team that will meet Tafts will probably be from the classes as stated: 120 lbs., first-year; 130 lbs., second-year; 140 lbs., Lightweights; 150 lbs., Kelley; 158 lbs., Ab- latox; 160 lbs., Fred White; 170 lbs., Lowry; in the heavyweight class, Davis or Al- cove.

The first team is being prepared to go to Springfield on Saturday, Feb. 17th, but the season was cut short by illness, and those who have not yet recovered but hope to do so before another Saturday has gone must be paid or else his ballot will be thrown out when the count is taken. There are a number of good candidates for the position, and if he cannot be of service.

The fresh men at present con- tacted have been the most with the past, while the rest will come in due time and to the field, which with comes the 4th. The following men will probably com- prise the team: meet Springfield: 110 lbs., Davis; 115 lbs., Roche; 117 lbs., Terry; 131 lbs., Rounds; 146 lbs., Kelley or Gilbr; 150 lbs., Witt; 175 lbs., Unman; and in the heavyweight class, Davis.

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