

CONVOCAION CALLED FOR 1.30 TODAY

Professor Fosdick of Columbia Will Address Student Body on "Tests of Religion" in "Smith Hall" Today

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED

A Convocation has been called for today at 1.30 o'clock in Room 10-250, when the student body will be addressed by Professor Harry E. Fosdick, of Columbia University. President MacLaurin will introduce the speaker.



PROFESSOR FOSDICK

the subject of whose address will be "The Tests of Religion." Professor Fosdick is the head of the department of Practical Theology of Union Theological Seminary, connected with Columbia University. Previous to his coming to the college, he was pastor of a church in Montclair, N. J. Next to John R. Mott, Rev. Fosdick is perhaps the man who exercises the greatest influence in directing the student thinking on moral and religious questions in America. He is probably one of the best known preachers, authors and lecturers before college men. At the Northfield Student Conference which is held during the summer, at the conferences held at Lake Geneva and other places, Professor Fosdick is one of the speakers most in demand, and has inspired many thousands of students. He has spoken at many of the colleges in the East, having addressed gatherings three times at Harvard this year. In Appleton Chapel in Harvard last Sunday, Rev. Fosdick delivered the sermon, and according to the reports literally hundreds of students were turned away. He is best known as an author by his book entitled "The Manhood of the Master." In many college discussion groups this book has been studied, mainly because of the modern ideas in regard to religion, and also for the breadth of thought expressed in it. His "Second Mile" has also been widely read by college men, and his book called "The Meaning of Prayer" has been termed by Professor Wickenden of the M. I. T. Faculty as being "the best laboratory report" he has ever read. Professor Fosdick is a very eloquent speaker, and he possesses a clear insight into the problems of the present day and also an ability to present his subject in a vigorous and most interesting manner. President MacLaurin urges every student to attend.

ALUMNI PREPAREDNESS ADVANCING STEADILY

The answers from the letters sent out to the Alumni by I. W. Litchfield have almost all come in. About 3400 Alumni have answered and the letters arriving now are decreasing in number every day. The Alumni Mobilization Committee are greatly gratified by the results of the canvass. The great majority of the men who answered supported the plans of the committee and offered their services for anything. A large number also offered the use of their factories, laboratories and apparatus together with new processes and patented machines which they have invented.

M. E. SOCIETY BEGINS NEW SERIES OF SMOKERS TONIGHT

Mr. J. A. Stevens Will Be Speaker This Evening in Caf

The M. E. Society will hold a smoker in the Caf this evening. This is the first smoker that the society has held for some time, and a large attendance is desired, especially in view of the fact that one of the best speakers of the year will talk.

Mr. John A. Stevens, of Lowell, is to be the chief speaker of the evening. Mr. Stevens was for several years the chief engineer of the steamship St. Paul of the White Star line. He is now manager of the parent society, A. S. M. E., and also is a consulting engineer. His specialty is steam power plant design and practice, on which he will address the society tonight. Mr. Stevens is a very forceful speaker and will doubtless spice his talk with anecdotes of his life at sea.

K. Richmond '16 will also speak on "Rock Tunnel Construction." Richmond has been out in the field for nearly a year and is now back at the Institute completing his course. He was chairman of the society last year.

Mr. Odin Roberts '88, a prominent New England patent attorney, will address the members of the Society a week from tonight on "Patents and Inventions."

Shortly after this date, Mr. J. A. Meyer, for years turbine expert of the General Electric Company, will address the society.

I. C. S. A. MEET TOMORROW

Swimmers Will Start Tonight for "Champs" at Philadelphia

Five men will leave tonight for the Intercollegiate Swimming Meet at Philadelphia tomorrow. The men who will make the trip are W. C. Foster '18, Captain R. N. Gay '18, C. W. Seranton '19, M. Untersee '19 and Manager P. D. Scheeline '19.

Captain Gay is entered in the 220-yard swim against Volmer of Columbia, the present Intercollegiate and National Champion. Gay has been covering his distance in 2 min. and 47 sec. in practice, and it is believed that he will give the Columbia man a hard fight. Foster will be pitted against Mayer and Schlaet of Yale, the latter being the present Intercollegiate 50-yard champion. Besides swimming the 50-yard dash, Foster will also compete in the 100-yard event. Seranton is also entered in the 50 and 100-yard dashes, and Untersee is considered a possible winner in the 100-yard dash. Wales, Technology's star plunger, was expected to make the trip, but he has been forced to give it up on account of blood poisoning.

There will be heats in all events but the 220-yard swim, in which time will count. The Intercollegiate relay race, in which Technology expected to be the winner, and possibly to break the record, has been cancelled.

Manager Scheeline will attend the meeting of the I. C. S. A. at the Houston Club, where officers will be elected for the coming year.

PLANNING MILITARY HOP AT RIVERBANK COURT APRIL 7

On Thursday, April 7, 1917, the officers of the M. I. T. Cadet Corps will hold their annual dance. The attendance will be strictly limited to 50 couples. Until next Thursday the sign-ups will be open to officers only. After that it will be possible for freshmen to procure tickets. It is probable that the dance will be held at the Riverbank Court Hotel from 8 until 12 o'clock. Sign-ups are being taken by the members of the dance committee, composed of Major Howard, Captains Fitch, Collins and Wirt, and Lieutenant Wasgatt.

AERO CLUB ENLISTS AID OF GOV. MCCALL

State Executive Will Take up Matter With War Department — Leaves For Capitol Today to Consult Congressmen

PRES. MACLAURIN INTERESTED

A committee from the Aero Club went to see Governor McCall last Wednesday afternoon in regard to enlisting his aid in getting support from the War Department, and he has promised to take the matter up with the government at once. The Governor leaves for Washington today to consult with the Representatives from Massachusetts about a state-wide preparedness program. Among other things he will endeavor to have an aviation camp for college students established at Squantum. Governor McCall is going at an especially opportune time on account of the fact that the urgent deficiency bill which failed to pass in the last session of Congress because of the filibuster, will come up before the "War Congress" on April 2. This bill contains an amendment authorizing the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps to spend \$45,000 out of the \$13,281,666 appropriated for military aeronautics, August 29, 1916, for the purchase of permanent sites and buildings. The organization of Army training schools and the establishment of air stations by the Army is greatly hampered by the failure of the bill to pass. Under the law the Army is not allowed to erect permanent buildings on leased land. If this bill had passed it would have greatly helped aero clubs, especially college aero clubs. It is hoped that the Governor will be successful in his mission, for it means a great deal to the Institute club.

It is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will give \$1,000,000 toward the preparedness movement and part of this will go to the establishment of aeronautical training schools. If this proposed camp at Squantum is established it will mean that the members of the Aero Club will have a chance to get actual practice in flying during the summer.

President MacLaurin, when informed of the establishment of an aero club at the Institute, said that he was very much interested in the movement and thinks that there is a place for the club in Technology. The President also explained that the reason the Institute has not taught men actual flying is that it is considered better to teach theory and the practical side can be learned later. As an example of this, he cited the case of the designer of a ship who

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WEIGHT MEN AND POLE VAULTERS WANTED FOR TRACK

Track work is pushing ahead in preparation for the first meet, a week from tomorrow, when the Sophomore-freshman cross-country race will take place. The turf and cinders are fast drying out, and practice will soon be held on the regular track. From now on, Saturday practice will be required of all candidates for the team. There is still a great need for weight men and pole vaulters.

In the Maine dual meet and in the N. E. I. C. A. A. meet, Technology will have the opportunity of entering four men in each event, but although the largest squad in the history of track at Technology is now at work, there will not be enough men for this unless more candidates come out for the weights and pole vault. At present, there are only three vaulters, one discus thrower and one hammer thrower. This leaves an opportunity for seven men to come out and be practically sure of entering two of the meets, and a man with any ability can be of the greatest assistance to the team.

RECORD CROWD FILLS HUNTINGTON HALL AT "BACK TO ROGERS" SHOW

Over 800 Guests Enjoy Thrills Afforded by "Vera the Vamp," a Drama by "Perk" and "Bobby"

That "Back to Rogers" was a complete success was evidenced by the enthusiasm with which the 800 guests received the efforts of the Institute Committee. Yes, we all went and were duly amused and shocked and amused and shocked in turn. Taking it all in all, we'll have to take our hats off to the English department, particularly to "Bob" and "Perk."

The vaudeville was indeed par excellence. The first number was a selection by the Banjo Club, and as usual Dick and his bunch outdid themselves in the realms of string harmony. In the encore a very skillful rendition was given by one of the players on three strings. Following the Banjo Club came the quartette, this time as bell hops, and their two songs gained tremendous applause. There can be only one reason why they didn't give an encore after last night's reception and that will be unsaid as was the encore. The reading by Howard Mann was exceptional to say the least and his impersonation of the duke was "simply ripping, don'tche know." But Charlie Parsons was there with the bells as "Georgemcohen" and perhaps we might as well ask here where "Charlie" gets all his dope about "Saturday night." At any rate his "Full of—Talk" was particularly well received; but why argue, you can't keep an Irishman down. "Hank" and "Sam" are certainly the original comedy kids, but the management wishes to reiterate

its statement on the program, and assumes no responsibility at all.

Thrilling Drama Presented

Following this dark-horse act came that all-thrilling drama given by the Institute Committee under the patronage of "The Amalgamated Association of Institute Lady Typists" entitled "Vera the Vamp" or "The Tiger Woman's Terrible Triumph." On the program this was listed as a Schauspiel-Schocker in Two Acts and a more fitting definition of it could hardly be given.

The skit opened with Props, who is in private life no other than "Web" Shippey, backing upon the stage dragging after him the scenery for the entire show. Before going farther it should be explained that Props is the property man, scene-shifter, etc., and according to the Chinese Convention is invisible to the audience. After having finally gotten this enormous amount of scenery upon the stage, his next task was to set the stage for the first act which was to be a scene in the Caf. The languid, lazy, matter-of-course way in which he went about this and his miscalculations gave the audience much amusement and resulted in several outbursts of applause.

Enter the Vamp

At length, the stage having been set, the cue was given and a sleepy waiter entered and began to straighten things

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MUST KEEP OFF GRASS

Police Protection Only Resort Thinks Institute Committee

At the regular meeting of the Institute Committee held yesterday afternoon representatives of the following activities were absent: Class of 1918, Architectural Society, Technique, Mining Society, and Mechanical Engineering Society. At the request of the Show management, D. O. Mayer '19 was seated in place of C. H. M. Roberts '17. J. W. Doon '17 reported for the Walker Memorial Committee that the matter of protecting the grass plots in

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JUNIORS WILL HOLD FIRST DINNER OF YEAR

Expect to Break Last Year's Record—Two Hundred Tickets Already Sold

The Junior Class will hold the first dinner of the year at 6.30 o'clock next Thursday evening in the Caf. The progress of ticket sales so far point to a repetition of the success of last year's 1918 dinner, which set the record for class dinners with an attendance of two hundred and eighty-nine. There is a man in every course selling tickets, over two hundred having been sold up to the present time. The price is seventy-five cents per plate.

Mr. James P. Munroe '82, who is secretary of the Corporation, is the speaker of the evening. Representatives of the Junior Week activities will tell of the plans at this time. There will also be several professional entertainers. The feature of the evening, however, will be some local talent which has just been discovered and which is being kept in the darkest secrecy.

All the money from the tickets will go to pay for the dinner, while the entertainment and other incidentals will be paid for out of the class treasury.

HOTEL HEMENWAY PICKED FOR FRESHMAN DANCE PROM NIGHT

Complete arrangements have now been made for the freshman dance to be held the night of the Junior Prom. Enough men have signed up to assure a large crowd and make the dance a success, the committee think. In most cases the freshmen have surrendered their tickets to the Prom and made arrangements to attend the freshman glee.

The dance will be held in the Hotel Hemenway on the corner of Hemenway Street and Westland Avenue. Beginning at 9 o'clock the dancing will continue until 2. The charge per couple will be four dollars and a half, which will include refreshments and incidentals.

Tickets will be on sale at the Caf the latter part of next week and payment in advance will be required.

CALENDAR

- Friday, March 23, 1917
- 4.00 P. M.—T. C. A. Talk, Dr. Tupper. Room 4-470.
 - 4.00 P. M.—Crew Practice. B. A. A. Boathouse.
 - 7.15 P. M.—Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal. Room 1-190.
 - 7.30 P. M.—M. E. Society Meeting. Caf.
- Saturday, March 24, 1917
- 1.45 P. M.—Junior Crew Practice. Newell Boathouse.
 - 2.00 P. M.—Sophomore Crew Practice. Newell Boathouse.
 - 2.00 P. M.—Rehearsal Tech Show Orchestra. Caf.
 - 2.00 P. M.—Tech Show Cast and Chorus Rehearsal. Room 1-190.
 - 2.00 P. M.—Tech Show Ballet Rehearsal. Emma Rogers Room.
 - 3.00 P. M.—Freshman Crew Practice. Newell Boathouse.
- Sunday, March 25, 1917
- 10. A. M.—Tech Show Orchestra Rehearsal. Caf.
 - 3.00 P. M.—Tech Show Cast and Chorus Rehearsal. Room 1-190.