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SEE IT THROUGH

IN one of his last letters, Dinsmore Ely '18 wrote, "I want to say in closing, if anything happens to me let's have no mourning in spirit or in dress for like a Liberty Bond, it is an investment, not a loss, when a man dies for his country." And Dinsmore Ely made his great investment

We are now asked to make a small temporary investment to finish the work in which this great Technology man, and many other brave Americans invested their all—forever. We hesitate—we consider the wisdom of buying bond. Had we not rather use the money for something else? Have we not done enough already? The war is over, why should we inconvenience ourselves to lend the government money when the enemy is no longer advancing.

Simply this! We still have overseas more than a million men. These men need supplies as much as they ever did. They are finishing the work "over there;" we are asked to back them up "over here."

Are you game to the finish?

Will you cover Dinsmore Ely's Investment with your investment?

THE Institute Committee has appointed a committee to take charge of the Walker Memorial. However, it has neglected to select one to look after the social life there,—to run powwows, smokers, etc. It is never too late to start a good thing.

CHOOSING A COURSE

THE freshman course conferences which recently closed have done a great deal towards putting the doubtful freshman in the right track. The chairmen of the various courses, however divergent their ideas on other subjects, appeared to be unanimous in urging one point, namely, the necessity for considering personal aptitudes and likes only, in making a choice.

It is evident from the registration in the freshmen class that this principle is being neglected. Someone has said that although a man is not a sheep a crowd of men is a flock of sheep. It is probably for this reason that some courses have become "stylish" as a member of the faculty puts it, and are crowded far more than any legitimate demand would warrant.

The student should realize that there is nothing to be gained by pursuing a course disagreeable to himself for its supposed pecuniary advantages while neglecting his natural bent. Although a general change of courses would be inadvisable, the student who feels that he would be better off in some other course than the one he is in should not hesitate to change.

ALUMNI NOTES

CAPTAIN EDWARD STUART '10, who is on a detail with the American Red Cross in Serbia, has recently been promoted to the rank of Major in the Sanitary Corps of the Army and recommended by the American Red Cross for the Red Cross medal for highly distinguished service. The letter received by Professor Sedgwick from him says in addition, "Southeastern and Eastern Europe are certainly in a terrible mess after the war and many years of reconstruction will be necessary to re-establish the place. I hope that after my release from the Army I shall be able to come over again to help. I have received orders to return home for demobilization and expect to reach the United States in the early part of May. We have lately had a rather serious outbreak of typhus."

DR. MORTIMER FRANK '07, died very suddenly of apoplexy in Chicago last week. He was considered one of the best retractionists in that vicinity. His degree from Technology was in Civil Engineering.

A letter recently received from H. N. WILLIAMS '02, tells of his experiences in France. He says, "Am now on my way home and tomorrow will be seven months in foreign service, the opportunity for which I am very deeply grateful. Came over as a captain in the American Engineers, leaving New York August 1, 1917. Detached to serve with Training Corps September 20, 1917. Was superior since that time in very active railway work, having charge of transportation at the quartermaster depot at Geneva. Was transferred to the Inter-Alined Railway Commission, which works directly under orders of Marshal Foch; in December I was sent to Coblenz, Germany, as president of the Coblenz Delegation of the I. A. Ry. Commission, having supreme charge of all German railways on the American front, and including the American bridge head. This, of course includes all work of blockading Germany as far as the railways were concerned. It was a wonderful experience; I organized the work, being assisted by some very able subordinates. On account of the death of my mother, I requested relief in order to return home for attention to personal matters (it being no longer absolutely necessary to remain). Relief was furnished in January, and after remaining with my successor to help him if I could, I left Coblenz. I had several splendid visits with Captain W. T. Kales '02 at Coblenz. He is with the 4th Aero Squadron, well, happy, and working hard. He certainly is one of Uncle Sam's finest officers. Tried to get to see Feland who is in that region but missed connections when in his neighborhood. I did not have a chance or service in the trenches, but tried to do my share and then some, wherever I was stationed."

FRANCIS S. CONATY '17, is a captain in the 3rd Field Artillery, stationed at Lucenay le Due, Cote d'Or, France. The following communication has been received from Captain Conaty:

Dear Editor: Just received a copy of the "Tech" by the same courier that brought my copy of our Divisional Weekly, "The Circulator." It struck me you might be interested to see the sort of paper some of the divisions over here are getting out. The title seems particularly appropriate as the nickname given to us by other divisions is the "Rubberneck" or "Sight-seeing" division, due to our proclivities for roaming around France and not getting any where much. Just now we seem to have arrived at the jumping-off place and are hesitating between a trip to Germany or back to the U. S. Here's hoping.

To return to "The Circulator" it is edited at Div. Hdqtrs at Aignay-le-Duc, but is printed at Dijon about 60 miles away. But for it and the Paris edition of the New York Herald we would be completely S. O. L. as far as news of the outside world is concerned. Give my regards to Paul Leonard, if he is still around.

Sincerely yours Francis S. Conaty Captain, 3d F. A. M. I. T. '17.

MAJOR ALEXANDER MACOMBER '07 of the Searchlight Division 56th Engineers arrived at Newport News April 24 on the S. S. Rijndam.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of MAURICE SCHARFF '09 to Miss Jeanne Adler, of Birmingham, Alabama on April 30, 1919. Scharff is a graduate of Course I. While at the Institute he was prominent in undergraduate activities. He was a member of the Institute Committee, in 1919, a member of Osiris, a wearer of the "T" from track. He belonged to the Biological Society, the Walker Club, the Southern Club, the Exeter Club, and K2S. In his junior year he was business manager of Technique.

LIST OF VISITORS IN THE PARIS BUREAU FROM APRIL 3 TO APRIL 10 INCLUSIVE

- The following list of visitors at the Paris Bureau has been received by the Auxiliary: April 3, 1919—Thomas Duffield '14, E. Van Court Lucas '16, Francis C. Foote '16, Franklin H. Wells '18, W. A. Moore, Jr. '18. April 4, 1919—Joseph A. Aaron '11, W. E. Lucas, Jr. '14, Myron H. Clark '03, Garrett H. Barnes '20. April 5, 1919—W. E. Zimmerman '20, McCency Werlich '15, Harold H. Gould '04, Howard C. Blake '06, R. H. Ranger '11. April 6, 1919—C. H. M. Roberts '17. April 7, 1919—Homer N. Calver '14, W. E. Thrasher '17. April 8, 1919—H. G. Hornbeck '13, Harold Connett '18, Franklin A. Bernham '19, Franklin H. Wells '18, J. W. Barker '16, W. Leeming '01, A. D. Bemis '03. April 9, 1919—G. E. Johnson '18, A. W. Geiger '00, Howard E. Clark '12, Arthur F. Benson '17, C. R. M. Roberts '17, McCency Werlich '15. April 10, 1919—Arthur F. Kaupé '17

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH, Mass. Inst. of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir: While the paltry sophisms expressed in the communication appearing in the last issue but one of THE TECH and signed by some unknown "Veritas" must be so apparent to all that no refutation of the words, I cannot call them arguments, is necessary, it seems that some comment on so wild and revolutionary a statement should be made. It is difficult to believe, however, that any student at the Institute could harbor the feeling that the student body and faculty are conspiring to undermine the morals of those men who come to Technology with clean hands and a pure heart and it is evident that if Veritas had but studied existing conditions as well as he evidently has his Virgil, he could not be the author of such sentiments.

Nevertheless, behind all the rabid accusations and overstated unbacked charges, Veritas has based his thoughts on a sound premise. It is an admitted fact that at the Institute today there is more general "cribbing" than has ever before been the case. Members of the faculty will corroborate this statement and the student body, if honest with itself, must admit it. Moreover, although this is generally admitted to be true, the exact cause thereof has not been found.

There can be no reason to believe that the "Tech man" is either more or less "intrinsically honest" or dishonest than the average college man but it may be said that the opportunities for copied work or "juggled results" are greater in a scientific school than in one where the entire training is in liberal arts. On the other hand, however, the necessities for strict honesty in work are brought home to the technical student much sooner and more forcibly. It would seem then, that the wave of "cribbing" which appears to engulf the Institute is rather a desire to "get away with something" than a decadence of Technology morals.

We are not corrupt at heart but rather painfully negative in the matter of virtue. We have not descended to an abyss of crime but are floating lethargically in an equilibrium midway between strict adherence to right principles and dishonor. A straw's weight may send us in either way and we, the students here today, must determine that direction. Shall we achieve our lost position and climb to those heights where "cribbing" is a cardinal sin or shall we be rather by a tacit understanding between faculty and student body? If a professor wishes to leave the room during an examination must he extract a solemn pledge before he goes and if this is necessary, will he even then feel sure that his class is pursuing its work properly? The problem is one which needs study and I confess that its solution must be left to minds clearer, more logical and less excitedly than my own. Can Veritas suggest the path to follow? (Signed) "IL PENSATORE."

CLEOFAN CLASSICS

"As spring advances, Cleofan, looking forth from its windows, sighs and thinks that the view riverwards would be more charming if the eye, on passing thither might roam over a stretch of green grass rather than over the present expanse of small pebbles. This organization has been known to mutter the same sentiment when one of its members has, by a mistaken idea of haste, scorned to roundabout trail of the board walk, or chosen in preference the scientific bee-most line across the pebbles. The preference has lasted, only until the midst of the pebbles is reached—and deep. Will there come a time of growing grass in place of rolling pebbles?"

PITCHERS ARE HARD HIT IN A PRELIMINARY BALL GAME

Sophomores Defeat Boston Latin in a Practice Game

The Sophomore baseball team defeated the Boston Latin School team by a score of 12 to 10 last Thursday afternoon. The game was a short one, only six innings being played, but it was full of thrills and good plays. There were home runs made by Kerrigan and O'Hearn of Technology and by Ellis and E. Malley of Boston. The pitching, as is indicated both by the score and the large number of "homers", was rather poor on both sides, and hits were numerous. Three runs were made by A. Malley, Ellis brought in one, Conant three, Crowley three, and Kerrigan, O'Hearn, and Kyle two apiece. Besides these, there should be credited one run to Vitkin, Delaney, Barker, Povah, and Doherty. The Malley brothers of Latin School showed good team play, and as far as hitting was concerned, Crowley led the others with a home run, a three bagger, and a single.

The line-up was as follows: Technology '21, Povah, c.f.; Barker, s.s.; Delaney, 2b.; O'Hearn, c.; Crowley, 3b.; Conant, 1b.; Kiley, r.f.; Kerrigan, l.f.; Johnson, p.; MacDonald, r.f. Boston Latin School—Ellis, c.; Malley, s.s.; E. Malley, 3b.; Kiley, r.f.; Doherty, c.f.; Kyle, 1b.; Collins, l.f.; Phinney, p.; Campbell, 2b.; Nichols, r.f.; Vitkin running for Phinney. The score by innings was: Technology 0 2 2 5 0 3—12 Boston Latin School 2 0 1 4 2 1—10

HARVARD SECOND TENNIS TEAM TRIMS THE FRESHMAN PLAYERS

Caldwell and Ell of Star on the Side of Technology

The Technology freshman tennis team fell before the strong Harvard 2d aggregation by the score of five matches to one. The individual matches were extremely closed much closer than the score shows. Caldwell, from out west, was Technology's only winner in the meet. Elliot also played very well, being just nosed out of both his singles and doubles matches.

Of the four men on the freshman team, Elliot and Beattie were crack tennis players at Exeter Academy. Scott was a Mercersburg Academy star, and Biddell was captain of last year's English High team.

The score of the match is as follows: singles, Elliot vs. Captain Robinson 4-6, 5-7; Beattie vs. Frost 2-6, 3-6; Caldwell vs. Richards 8-6, 6-4; Biddell vs. Camer, 1-6, 4-6; Beattie and Caldwell vs. Weaver and Richards 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; Elliot and Scott vs. Robinson and Frost 1-6, 10-8, 4-6.

The team will play Andover at Andover on Saturday and has a match scheduled with Milton on Tuesday afternoon. For the Andover game, the men will take the 1.19 train from the North Station, and for the Milton match, the players will meet in the lobby at 2.00, Wednesday, the team will have a chance to revenge themselves on Harvard when they play Harvard freshmen. The manager is at present trying to arrange a match with the Sophomores.

The management wishes to announce that anyone desiring to try for the team can arrange a match with the last man and if this man is beaten, the successful competitor takes his place.

INTERFRATERNITY BASEBALL LEAGUE PROGRESSES

Two more baseball games were played among the fraternities Kappa Sigma defeated Lambda Phi 17-3, and Beta Theta Pi defeated Theta Chi 4-1. The progress in each league has been good and the final championship game will probably be played within the next four weeks.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Cambridge League: Phi Beta Epsilon 3 0 1.000, Theta Delta Chi 1 1 .500, Delta Kappa Epsilon 1 2 .333, Delta Tau Delta 0 2 .000

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Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Bay State League: Beta Theta Pi 2 0 1.000, Theta Chi 1 1 .500, Lambda Chi Alpha 0 1 .000, Alpha Tau Omega 0 1 .000, Phi Kappa Sigma 0 1 .000