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#### IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

F. W. ADAMS '21 ..... E. H. KOEHLER '22

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1919

#### "BRIEFER PSYCHOLOGY"

THE hell to be endured hereafter, of which theology tells is no worse than the hell we make for ourselves in this world by habitually fashioning our character in the wrong way. Could the young but realize how soon they will become mere wailing bundles of habits they would give more heed to their conduct while in the plastic state. We are spinning our own fates and never to be undone. Every smallest stroke of virtue or of vice leaves its never so little scar. The drunken Rip Van Winkle, in Jefferson's play, for every fresh dereliction by saying "I won't count this time!" Well! he may not count it, and a kind heaven may not count it; but it is being counted none the less. Down among his nerve cells and fibres the molecules are counting it, registering it, storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes. Nothing we ever do, is in strict scientific literalness, ever wiped out. Of course this has its good side as well as its bad one. As we become drunkards by so many separate drinks, so we become saints in the moral, and authorities and experts in the practical and scientific spheres, by so many acts and hours of work. Let no youth have any anxiety about the upshot of his education, whatever the line of it may be. If he keep faithfully busy every hour of the working day, he may safely leave the final result to itself. He can with perfect certainty count on waking up some fine morning, to find himself one competent one of his generation, in whatever pursuit he may have singled out. Silently between all the details of his business, the power of judging in all that class of matter will have built itself up within him as a possession that will never pass away.

#### HANDS OFF!

WE keep hearing vague rumors about faculty control of the dorms. What does it mean? Does it mean that good live blooded Americans that are nearing the age of discretion, are to be pampered and hampered by an obsolete prep school method of handling men? Does it mean that anyone on the corporation board is so narrow minded that he wishes to see the natural and rightful activities of men that are spending their time and money to get a liberal education curtailed by system based on petty rules? Part of every man's education, and no small part of it, is learning how to govern his own actions so as to get the best results. If men are not allowed to learn that doing their college career when are they going to learn it?

So far the Student Government in the Dorms has been eminently successful. We do not mean that there have been no foolish things done, no time wasted or that an angelic spirit prevails therein; but we do mean that the men themselves like the existing system and are backing it to the best of their ability. We do not believe that they would back any other, and any system to be a success must have the loyal support of the men that it is designed to help. So to the Corporation, Hands Off! So to the faculty and the meddling students, Hands Off!

## Alumni Notes

JOHN STEVENS '18, who is now with the Arthur D. Little, Inc., recently served as a private in the Research Division of the Chemical Warfare Service engaged in defence work. He was stationed first at Washington and later at the Little laboratories.

ROBERT WOODS VAN KIRK '18 who was recently engaged in the development Division of the Chemical Warfare Service, stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, has been one of the chemical engineers chosen on the technical staff of the firm of Arthur D. Little, Inc.

PROFESSOR ALBERT SAUVEUR, a former member of the department of Mining and Metallurgy given jointly by Harvard University and Technology has returned from France where he had charge of the section of metallurgy in the technical division of the United States Air Service.

BERTHOUD C. BOULTON '16, who is a member of the Engineering Staff at McCook Flying Field, has been appointed as a special contributing technical editor of the "Aerial Age." Boul-



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ton's work has been in the Research Department, renamed this year the Structure and Aerodynamics Section of the Aeronautics Department, Engineering Division. His work has been on the stress analysis of aeroplanes, both those designed at McCook Field and the very numerous ones submitted for sand test, including the analysis of the wing cell, chassis, fuselage and miscellaneous parts. He designed and proportioned the structural members of the aeroplanes built at the field, and criticized and made recommendations for others that were submitted by manufacturers to the Government. One of the most important phases of his work was the development of the present Government methods of analysis. He has done a good deal in devising and developing new forms of construction and in adopting new materials to aeroplane work. He has, also, been very closely in touch with the Testing Department, and has frequently been called upon to write the more important and difficult reports issued by the Testing Department.

The following article concerning the work at Hog Island, which was under the direction of MATTHEW C. BRUSH '01, appeared recently in the Philadelphia Evening Ledger:

More than 50,000 persons visited Hog Island on a recent Sunday when the vast shipyard was opened to visitors. No one who ever saw the greatest of shipbuilding plants has gone away without a new sense of amazement at a spectacle that is a most indescribable, and a new sense of pride and of confidence in the America spirit. The schedule of the yard recently published indicates that two vessels are to be ready for simultaneous launching on Memorial Day. If Mr. Brush and his associates in the direction of Hog Island could find it possible to open the gates to the general public on that occasion about 100,000 persons would thank them for some unparalleled thrills and an outing really worth while.

Few persons in this city are yet able to realize that Hog Island is actually one of the wonders of the world and perhaps the greatest single work undertaken and successfully carried out under the stimulus of the war. River steamers could provide a magnificent grandstand for multitudes if the yard management would arrange its double launching as a holiday event. The yard itself would draw a vast crowd. The people own Hog Island. It is their shipyard. Most of them have no adequate notion of the miracle they helped to create. Once they were permitted to see the island and its work they could afford to smile tolerantly at the emotional blow-ups that occur at intervals in Congress when effervescent politicians find themselves in a mood for probes and investigations.

## VOO DOO IS SUCCESS

Third Issue of Institute Joy Book Sells Rapidly

The third issue of VooDoo made its appearance last Saturday. The cover, brilliant in orange and black, is the work of J. R. Wolfe '22. Much the "usual line" is offered in the May VooDoo, the principal deviations being the enlargement of the theatrical department and words of wisdom from the oracle Phosphorus. A large number of cuts and many novelties in the way of prose and verse also help in making this issue one of the most successful yet published.

The Junior Week VooDoo is already in preparation, and all material must be in not later than May 19, according to the editors. The cover competition for this issue was won by T. O. M. Davidson '21.

The VooDoo now claims third largest circulation among the college monthlies; 2000 copies of this issue were printed, and the number will be increased to 2500 next time. A large number subscriptions are coming in from the Alumni, and sales at the Institute total in the neighborhood of 1500 copies.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The freshman class was unanimous in welcoming the announcement that there would be no more drill this year. Since the signing of the armistice the discipline and esprit de corps of the M. I. T. military organization have degenerated almost to nothing.

The growing aversion to drill was due partly to a perfectly human dislike for work of any sort and was caused also by the wave of reaction towards all things military which swept the country with the successful termination of the war. However, the general lack of discipline and interest in the work was due solely to the manner in which it was presented.

It was absurd to expect several hundred men, presumably intelligent, to go through the drudgery of "squads right" day after day and still maintain their interest in the subject. This kind of practice does not make perfect. The M. I. T. Battalion if assembled today could not execute "squads right" properly.

It may be added that the failing discipline was not aided considerably by having a domineering civilian strut before the ranks, advising everyone to "cut out the wise stuff" as he "meant business." Those tactics were meant for Prussia or Sing-Sing. In a first class college they are farcical.

(Signed) (R. S. T.)

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I am sure that anyone who read the editorial "Waco" in Wednesday's issue of THE TECH, and who did not attend "Tech night" has a misconception of what happened; and there are many students, including myself, who did attend "Tech night" and who are at loss to know why the student body should be so severely criticised.

With the exception of the misdemeanor of one man, there was not a thing that occurred which could in any way reflect upon Tech spirit. There was no harm done in throwing confetti, balloons, or streamers over the theatre. If so, the blame should be placed on the officers in charge. The student body can not be judged by the act of an individual, but Mr. Jolson did not recognize the fact, and he made every effort to cut his play. As an actor he was good, but as a thinking man he deserved worse than "Waco" calls.

The freshmen and Sophomores should be praised, not scorned, at the way they conducted themselves. It was a night of celebration for them, and they showed both good Tech spirit and ingenuity. They were attending "Sinbad," not a Sunday sermon, and they ought not to get in bad for acting the way they did.

James J. Wolfson '20.

M. I. T. A. A. SECRETARY SUBMITS MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:10. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted. Mr. Anderson outlined the program for Field Day, the events to be crew race, baseball game, relay race, and tug-of-war.

Mr. Jones (captain of boxing) suggested that the finals in the inter-class boxing tournament be held on Field Day on the athletic field, the outcome not to count in the Field Day score. Said that the publicity thus obtained would mean a good deal to boxing at the Institute, and that cups had been donated for the winners of each bout.

Moved, seconded, and passed that four boxing matches be held on the athletic field on Field Day, these bouts to be the finale in the inter-class boxing tournament, the outcome not to count in the Field Day score.

Mr. Jones gave a brief outline of the rules governing amateur boxing matches.

Mr. Anderson explained that it was

customary for the chairman of the Field Day committee to appoint the officials for that day, and that he had done so. He also outlined a plan for raising some additional funds on Field Day, by selling "I help Athletics" tags, the proceeds from the sale of the same to be used to defray expenses of the athletic organizations.

Moved, seconded, and passed that the M. I. T. A. A. express itself as not in favor of awarding a s'tt to Mr. N. J. Green, because of his action in quitting in the middle of the swimming season.

Moved, seconded, and passed that numerals be awarded to the members, substitutes, and managers of the winning teams only on Field Day.

Moved, seconded, and passed, that numerals be awarded to the following men, who were the individual bout winners in the annual freshman-Sophomore Wrestling Meet:

1921, Bonnell, Flynn, Acosta; 1922, Strause, Briggs, A. Butler, Lopez, McGrady, S. M. Bishop, F. B. Ropes.

H. P. Dorr, H. Broockmann were absent (Broockmann's excuse accepted, Next meeting Tuesday, May 6. Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) H. J. Daube,  
M. I. T. A. A.

#### CLEOFAN CLASSICS

Have you, perhaps, been scurrying along the third floor corridor under the dome in an energetic rush to class, when your ear has caught the lazy strains of music behind the doors of the Emma Rogers Room? Has it shocked you beyond Technological comprehension to hear this sound again and again, even sometimes of a bright May morning at the audacious hour (for music) of 9 or 10? You have doubtless had visions of your naughty idle sisters reclining in leisure to absorb these sounds, or worse yet, dancing the light fantastic (at 9 a. m.) Then you say, "I always said it was no use for girls to come to Tech!" But disperse these maligning thoughts and know that on these occasions there are probably a dozen budding young engineers seated on the hard floor in a solemn circle, gulping down knowledge for their next tests. It is their latest psychological discovery that if the victrola is playing, the knowledge is gulped rhythmically and because more methodically, in greater quantities per minute. They put on "The Sunshine of your Smile" to do their math by—and determine that when the highest note is reached in the line "My world for ever" they will have decided how to do the problem. Then it just has to come. History, also, is especially good to an accompaniment; the terms of a treaty may be recalled later in class by their place in tune—but, for the sake of the Prof, not audibly.

#### M. I. T. A. A. PUBLISHES ITS NEWLY ADOPTED CONSTITUTION

THE TECH is publishing below the continuation of the constitution recently adopted by the M. I. T. A. A. which was started in the issue of Wednesday, May 3. The remaining sections of the constitution will be run in serial form in the subsequent editions.

#### BY-LAWS

##### Article I.

Duties of Officers. Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings in absence of the President.

Section 3. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep accurate account of all meetings; to forward a copy of the minutes to the Chairman of the Advisory Council within ten days from the time that the said meeting was held; to issue notices of all meetings; and to publish a general outline of the meeting in THE TECH.

Section 4. The Treasurer of the association shall have charge of budgets of the different athletic teams; to take charge of all moneys of the Association and to keep an accurate account thereof. He shall pay out money belonging to the association only under written order of the President and the consent of the association.

##### Article II.

Section 1. There shall be a meeting of the association on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon written application of six members.

Section 3. Due notices of all meetings shall be given out at least four days previous to any meeting.

##### Article III.

Section 1. At all meetings of the association Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed in so far as they do not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws.

##### Article IV.

Section 1. A quorum shall consist of one half the members of the association.

##### Article V.

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended only by a three-fourths vote of those present at the meeting, provided such a notice of proposed amendment or suspension be given at least one week previous to any meeting.

(TO BE CONTINUED)