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Alumni Notes

DAILEY—WELLS '92.
Mrs. Margaret Ryaner Smith of Boston, announces the marriage of her daughter, Josephine B. Wells, to E. Paul Castle Wells, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Wells reside in Summit, New Jersey. Mr. Wells is a graduate of Cornell and is now connected with the Southern Export Company of Dayton, Ohio.

THOMAS—Norton '18—NOTON
Mr. and Mrs. Steffenfing Norton of 16 East 69th Street, New York City, announce the marriage of Miss Helen Brown Norton, of New York City, to Mr. Robert W. Castle, of New York City. The bride was a graduate of Columbia and is now employed in the advertising department of the Mirror in New York City.

IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

W. H. Irwin '21

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1919

THE FOUR EXAMINATION RULE

We suppose the purpose of the Faculty ruling limiting to four the examinations that may be taken by each student was to prevent any one from being overloaded with work, but if such is its purpose, the rule might better have never been made. The net result has been that even though the examination period was lengthened, the number of tests has been doubled. Each professor seems to have made sure that whether there be an examination on his subject or not, he should have at least one paper from each man. In that paper, of course, there was time for refreshing one's memory, an attempt was made to sound each man's knowledge as thoroughly in one hour as is usually done in three, and this at the rate of two or more tests a day and besides the regular daily work. One professor even gave each of his sections two or more tests to be done at home under the honor system without time limit and due at successive recitations. Each of these tests took from three to six hours and eliminated the possibility of doing anything before or during the examination hour. It would seem that although the letter of the law has not been followed, the spirit of it has not even been considered.

THE DES MNINES CONFERENCE

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the purpose of the Student Volunteer Conference to be held shortly in Des Moines. Although some religious problems will be brought up this conference will by no means be limited to such questions. There will be prominent speakers from various parts of the country who will address the delegates upon many of the important economic and social problems of the day. Six hundred thousand college students will be represented. There are great possibilities in such a convention for the furtherance of the colleges and universities of America in the co-operation and friendly feeling of which the American University Union in France was an example. To this ignorance of other institutions may be traced most of the hard feeling which exists among every school for its rival, ignored which leads many of us to place all of its students in the one class of social butterflies, or drunkards or thugs, merely because we have happened to know some one who is a drunkard at that particular school. As with almost everything else, to remove ignorance is to wa-

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THE TECH

Harvard—Five New England colleges, Boston, Mass., are expected to be represented at the meeting of the American Association for the Improvement of Elementary Education, held at Portland, Maine, December 28 to 31. The technical college is represented by the following colleges: Boston University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Royal Conservatory of Art, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Payments for Second Term

Students are strongly advised to make payments by MAIL, avoid writing in line, by mailing check for $60.00 to H. S. Ford, Rector, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., before January 5, 1920.