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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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THE ACADEMIA.

THE formation of a freshman society for the consideration of present day problems is an encouraging sign of an awakened interest on the part of the entire undergraduate body in such problems. Today, when so much that is said concerning the momentous questions that confront us is based on opinion rather than knowledge, any effort to treat these questions sanely and intelligently is worthy of commendation. Perhaps the upper three classes will follow the example of the freshmen and the Academia will pave the way for a similar society open to the entire student body. We believe that the demand for such an organization is rather generally felt.

WAKE UP TREASURERS.

IT is quite apparent that the treasurers of several of the Institute's activities have not taken the trouble to make themselves acquainted with the duties of their respective offices unless, knowing these duties, they have carried out their work in a rather slipshod manner. Whether it be due to ignorance or ennui, there is a decided tendency on the part of some to perform their duties in a manner which reflects little credit upon either themselves or the activities they represent. The office of treasurer is one that carries with it responsibility and trust and it would be quite fitting for some of the present incumbents to exhibit a little more interest in the work that has been entrusted to them.

1920 AND THE STUDENT TAX.

WHILE the Student tax report has, in general, been a source of satisfaction to all undergraduates, there remain a few men in the class of 1920 who have not yet realized their obligation. The men of the Senior Class are not compelled by any Institute mandate to pay this tax. The obligation is a moral rather than a legal one, for it is expected that every one who has spent three years at Technology will realize the necessity of the Student Tax and willingly do his share in upholding the traditions of the Institute.

OUR VICTORIOUS RELAY TEAM

WE can feel justly proud of the fine showing that our relay team made last Saturday night in the race against Harvard. The four men who defeated the Crimson are to be congratulated on their fine work. It is the sort of thing that will put Tech, more than ever, before the eyes of the world not only as a great scientific school, but also as a college where athletics are on a standard as high as anywhere else in the country.

ORGANIZE M. I. T. STAMP CLUB.

Six enthusiasts of the indoor sport of philately gathered together in room 2-381 last Saturday and held council for two hours. The M. I. T. Stamp Club was the outcome. C. F. Schell '23 was elected president,

and C. M. Welling '22 was chosen as secretary-treasurer and bourse. The club plans to hold meetings at 1.00 o'clock on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The collections of the charter members vary between 1,500 and 6,000 varieties of stamps.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH,
I want to protest against the editorial in THE TECH of last Friday in which an attack was made on the support given the Technology team in its game with Harvard last week. True the support was not what it should have been but as a spectator I can not see that the team has very much cause to complain. In the first place the objection to the lack of cheering. It was their own fault. The Tech students were spread all over the rink and no effort was made to unite them or lead them in cheers. Secondly, the behavior of the team was such as not to call forth a great deal of applause on the part of Technology. You made no mention of the fact that three men were put off the ice for dirty playing, neither do you comment on the unsportsman-like manner in which our team took their defeat.

I hope that my trouble in writing you will call forth a reply from some one connected with the hockey team if I have in any way mistated the circumstances. I admire your support of athletics but do not let your enthusiasm cloud the real issues of the case.

(Signed) Gentle Reader.

NO SHORTAGE HERE

Lack of Coal not Noticeable at Institute

Boston's coal shortage will not seriously affect the Institute, or cause a temporary closing of the school, in the opinion of Bursar Horace Ford.

Bursar Ford, when interviewed, declared that the smarcarity of soft coal in this vicinity is not particularly applicable to Technology. "Our supply at the present time is entirely adequate to temporary needs", he remarked. "If the danger should become too acute within the next few weeks, of course we would be affected as well as every other large establishment in Boston. But we certainly have enough fuel to tide us over present difficulties."

WALKER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN OUT BY COMMITTEE

Mail Boxes Have Been Installed in Building for Activities

Room assignments in Walker for meetings of activities can be obtained only through the Walker Memorial Committee. A member of the committee can be found in the office off the east lounge any day between 1.30 and 2.00 o'clock. Any organization holding a meeting in Walker without permission of the committee is subject to a fine of one dollar.

For the convenience of activities and clubs the Walker Committee has installed a number of letter boxes on the third floor of Walker under the bulletin board. Any activity may obtain the use of one of these by applying to the committee and furnishing a padlock. Any mail addressed to that activity at Walker will be placed in their box.

More posters are needed for the circular bulletin board in Walker Memorial, according to the Walker Committee. Such posters may be left at any time on Mrs. King's desk in the east lounge and will be put in place by her.

NAME BASKETBALL MANAGERS

The M. I. T. A. A. has made the following men managers of the class basketball teams at the Institute: R. M. Randolph, freshman manager; R. K. Thulman, Sophomore manager; Waldo Adams, Junior Manager; C. H. Reed, Senior Manager.

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

Recent Developments in Chemistry—The sixth weekly meeting will be held today at 4.05 o'clock in room 10-250. Professor Spear will speak on "Some Recent Researches in Colloids".

Advanced Physics Students—Dr. Theodore Lyman, director of the Jefferson Physical Laboratory of Harvard, invites all members and advanced students in the Department of Physics at the Institute to attend the Harvard Colloquium on Physics on Mondays at 5.00 o'clock in the Jefferson Physical Laboratory, and to attend the Harvard conferences on Physics, Tuesday evenings at 8.00 o'clock in the Cruft Laboratory.

Want Trombone Player—The Tech Show management wants a trombone player for the Egyptian Jazz Band. Applicants may report to Tech Show office or to D. M. Minton '22 or Stuart Nixon '21.

Music and Posters Due—The music for Tech Show must be handed in at the show office by Saturday, February 14. Posters are due on Saturday, February 21.

TRANSCRIPT PRAISES T. E. N.

Wishes Success to Magazine in Its Attempt to Fill Long-felt Need—Other Efforts to Same End Have Failed

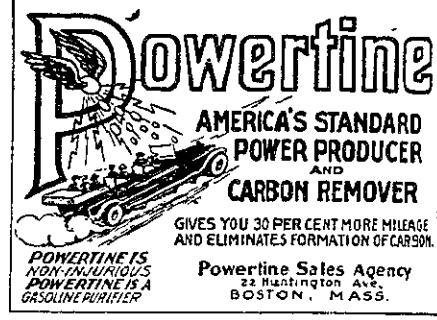
The editorial page of the "Boston Transcript" for February 10 contains the following words of encouragement for The Tech Engineering News:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in undertaking the publication of a periodical called "The Tech Engineering News," promises to bring to pass an important new intimacy of relationship between the Institute's students and the particular professional world which so many of them are preparing to enter. In explanation of the plan which the school is developing, it may be said that its purpose is not unlike the object attempted a few years ago by a distinguished American business man at another New England college. This gentleman, upon chancing to make an investigation, had been astounded to find how few college students, even of the senior class, possessed any clear idea what their future profession or life-work would be, and he determined to see if he could not do something to supply the deficiency. After considering numerous possibilities, he finally decided to bring to the college, at his own expense, a series of the leaders of the several vocations—the law, the ministry, medicine, industry and commerce in general—and have them lecture to the students concerning the conditions and rewards of their respective professions. Each of these speakers he arranged to have followed after a brief interval, by the coming of another leading representative of the same professional group. This second worker, conducted "round-table" discussions, the informal nature of which it was hoped would embolden even the most reticent student to ask further questions and receive further answers, to his heart's content, about the career which had awakened his special interest.

Undoubtedly it would be an exaggeration to say that the plan, so attempted, failed altogether. These worthy efforts did succeed in a measure. But the point is that such success as they won could not, in the nature of the case, be more than fleeting and transient in its contribution. When one set of lecturers had said their say there was no one left to talk to the next year's seniors. Means were lacking to keep the subject alive in a permanent way. That is why the Technology plan of a periodical, which will return ever and ever again to the Institute's students with the same message expressed in many diverse fashions and lights, seems so distinctly an improvement over the campaign attempted by means of lectureships. It promises to establish, with definiteness

and continuity, an agency from which Technology students can draw an inexhaustible store of articles written by men of experience in engineering and industry to describe the actual conditions encountered in their chosen fields. Of course the provision of this material is made easier, in the case of the Institute by the fact that the Tech Engineering News will not permit itself to become narrow or in any way overspecialized in its offerings. On the contrary, its object is to broaden the pupil's interest in every way possible, not only showing him the applications of his undergraduate study to concrete problems of his professional future, but also illuminating his outlook upon life and citizenship in general through publishing articles from capable contributors of all sorts and conditions who find that they have something to say to the American college man.

Finally, when it is said that the Tech Engineering News has also in mind the intent to publish the results of original investigations conducted in the Institute's laboratories, which would not otherwise be adequately reported, and by every means available to aid in establishing closer relations between the Institute and its alumni, it will be seen that Technology's new venture in journalism has a programme before it which is of excellent potentiality. May its success comport with the thoughtfulness and the meritorious outlining of purposes which have entered into its making!



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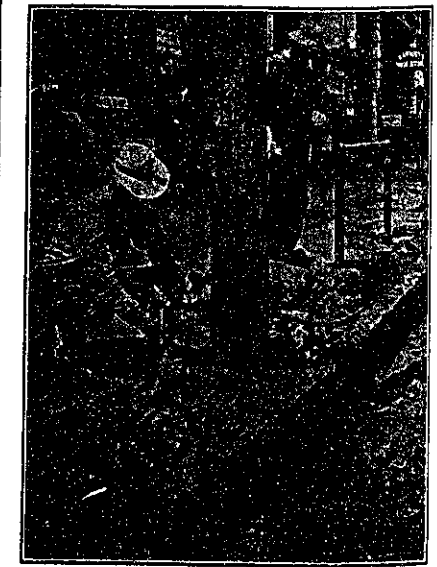
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an awkward predicament trying to manage his Egyptian clothes. The second scene rehearsed shows Rameses and Keezer plotting Sneezzer's death. The coach commended Rameses on the volume of his voice. The funniest of all was the third scene, where Sneezzer makes love to Cleopatra. The actors developed this with a great deal of real humor and both won commendation from the coach.

Ballet Practices

A ballet rehearsal was held on Wednesday night and a large number of men came out, including many recruits. The next rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, at 7.30 o'clock in the north hall of Walker Memorial. No cuts have yet been made in this department.

There is still a call for more music and posters. The music is due at the Tech Show office on Saturday, February 14, and the posters on Saturday, February 21.

PNEUMONIA TAKES FORMER ARCHITECTURE INSTRUCTOR

Edward F. Ely '82 Dies in Providence After Short Illness

Edward F. Ely '82, a former instructor in Applied Mechanics and Architecture at the Institute, died Sunday after a week's illness with pneumonia, at his home in Providence, R. I.

Mr. Ely graduated from Brown University in 1879, and from Course IV at Technology in 1882. The following year he became an instructor in applied mechanics and for the next two years in architecture. From 1885 till 1888 he worked with an architectural firm in Boston, leaving that to take a position in New York. He remained there up to 1895, when he returned to Providence, and became a member of the firm of Hopkin and Ely, architects, retiring in 1907.