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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1920.

IGNORANCE OR ENNUI?

WE are interested to know the nature of the epidemic which has found such ready victims as the treasurers of the activities listed below. The only diagnosis we can arrive at is either a case of colossal ignorance or unparalleled laziness. In either case it is entirely inexcusable. If the ailment be ignorance, the incumbents must surely have the knowledge that there are men in the Institute capable of doing this work and doing it well. If it be laziness the offenders should at least have the ambition to tender their resignations and make room for those who are a little averse to work.

The treasurers of the following activities have not handed in all their reports to the finance committee: Combined Accounts, Chemical Society, Class of 1920, Class of 1922, Class of 1923, Cosmopolitan Club, Dormitory Committee, T. C. A., Wrestling Team, Tech Show, Hockey Team, Track Team.

MARCH 10 : : WATCH

The appearance of the main lobby has been noticeably improved since tables have not been permitted to be placed there. For this, credit is due Bursar Ford. We might further suggest that the corridors would be kept cleaner if suitable receptacles for waste paper were placed throughout the buildings. ZZ Z Z

COMMUNICATION

To the Editors of THE TECH: During the past week there has been, at the Institute, considerable agitation over the question of smoking in the corridors and lobby. I cannot say how long ago the "No Smoking" signs have been gracing our bulletin boards and halls, but, since returning to Tech last spring, I have regarded them—as, I believe, have most of the students—as rather a harmless bit of foolishness. They could hardly be called decorative, but they were, apparently, quite innocuous. Recently, however, they have become the objects of much attention—not willing attention on the part of the students, but it understood, for one is collared by a middle aged gentleman who is popularly supposed to be very dignified (but who is often exceedingly wrought up at the time) and forcibly shown the notices, one must perform be polite and full of regret, instead of speaking one's mind about the matter.

A few days ago, I was slouching comfortably between classes, my arctic flapping and clicking in the familiar pleasant manner and my pipe (on whose cake I have bestowed no little care and endeavor) allowing me to forget, for a brief moment the trials and worries of Course VIII. In fact, I was nearly at peace with the world as a Tech man may be. Of a sudden, my path was blocked by a little old gentleman upon whom I had never laid eyes before, most irate and violently threatening me with a menacing finger. Naturally, I was somewhat astonished and the more so as he incessantly demanded in a shrill and tearful voice, where I thought I was. Nothing confuses me

to such an extent as to see old people weep and I accordingly attempted to soothe him, saying that he was a little overwrought and would feel better directly. But no; he insisted upon knowing where I thought I was and upon having that information without delay. No doubt it was remarkably stupid in me, but the onslaught was so terrible that several minutes had passed in this diverting fashion before it dawned upon me that the cause of the old gentleman's displeasure was my pipe (which, permit me to observe, is an extraordinarily sweet one). However, he spared me the pain of being shown the aesthetic advices to the effect that smoking is not permitted and, much shocked at so stormy an encounter, I wended my way onwards. Later in the day, I repaired with some other unfortunate addicts to the salubrious refuge of one of the rooms whose doors bear the legend: "Men". There we found a haven which, if not a magnificent apartment in the sense in which Balzac so frequently uses the phrase, nevertheless constituted us a quiet five minutes of indulging in the detestable (though popular) practice of smoking.

In all seriousness, is the relish of smoking so degrading and repulsive a thing that full-fledged professors, revered and respected by all of us, must descend to seizing students by the arm and quite losing their dignity over it? The mania for taking pleasures away from people seems to hold this fair country in its puritanical grip. In any case, I do devoutly hope that those professors and instructors who are wise enough (I say it in all humility) to know the enjoyment of a cigar in the privacy of their offices will not have this privilege withheld from them.

(Signed) George F. French.

AMATEUR WILL SOLVE PROBLEMS

This Prediction Made at Annual Banquet of the Radio Society—Dinner Attended by Enthusiasts From New England and New York

PROMINENT MEMBERS OF A. R. R. L. SPEAK

That all the great advances in radio work would continue to be inaugurated by amateurs was the statement made at what was called the greatest assembly of radio workers ever held in New England. The banquet of the M. I. T. Radio Society, in conjunction with the New England Amateur Wireless Association and other clubs affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, took place in the main dining hall of Walker last Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock. After the banquet, Guy R. Entwistle, toastmaster, introduced the principal speakers.

Ten O'Clock Curfew Announced

The "Great Sullivan" of Keith's circuit mystified the company with his lightning calculations. He was followed by the first speaker of the evening, H. C. Gawler, Radio Inspector of the Port of Boston, who mentioned the great opportunities which commercial radio offers to the amateur. He also stated that the A. R. R. L. had decided upon a 10.00 o'clock curfew for short distance work.

Tells of Work of A. R. R. L.

Hiram P. Maxim, '86, one of the founders of the American Radio Relay League and now its president, told of the work of the league in regulating the wireless traffic of the United States and advised all men transmitting to take advantage of the relay system, rather than waste their time in trying to get through long distance messages in face of excessive interference.

Unusual Incidents Discussed

Kenneth B. Warner, editor of "Q. S. T." gave an account of the rise of that paper to its present position as the standby of every amateur operator. He was followed by J. O. Smith of New York, who cited some striking examples of remarkable radio work in the west.

Owing to the inability of Dr. Picard to be present, William Priess, chief engineer of the Wireless Specialty Co., and inventor of the "Priess Loop," told how in France nearly 5,000 wireless stations, all working on short wave lengths, were operated in the small area of ten square miles without troublesome interference.

The program of the evening was concluded at 11 o'clock by the address of Dr. A. E. Kennelly of the Institute, who said that every boy should be able to do three things: to shoot straight; to swim; to "send" in continental Morse.

SUTHERLAND '16—TRENCH

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Trench of 1815 Newkirk avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Trench, to George Sutherland '16, of Boston. Miss Trench was graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1909, and Mr. Sutherland is a graduate of Yale and of Technology. He was a first lieutenant in the United States aviation corps in France in the war.

RUSSELL '14—JACKSON

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ellis Jackson of Providence announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Ruth Jackson, to P. A. Russell '14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Russell of Dedham. He was a member of Delta Upsilon, and was graduated in Civil Engineering.

LESLIE '14—CARTER

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walton Carter of Clifford, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Via May, to Freeland Huston Leslie '14 of Milton. Miss Carter is a graduate of Toronto University and has also taken postgraduate work in that institution of learning. Mr. Leslie is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1912, and was a member of the Harvard football and track teams. After leaving Harvard he came to the Institute and was graduated in Mechanical Engineering. Before he joined the service he was connected with the Submarine Signal Company of Boston. He was a lieutenant in the aviation service during the war and is now engaged in business in Buffalo, N. Y. He is the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Freeland D. Leslie of Randolph avenue, Milton. The marriage will take place the middle of February and they will make their home in Buffalo.

CLUB POSTPONES MEETING

The Cosmopolitan Club meeting for February 5 was postponed because of the illness of the speaker, Professor Lipka, who was to address the club. No further plans have been announced.

Alumni Notes

E. C. MILLER DIES

Edwin C. Miller '79, former president of the Alumni Association and an active Alumnus died last Monday of apoplexy at the home of his daughter in Wakefield.

He was formerly president of the Miller Piano Company of Boston and Wakefield and was active in politics and civic affairs. Mr. Miller was born in Melrose sixty-two years ago and received his education at the English High School and the Institute, graduating in the Class of 1879. From here he entered the piano business, taking up the work of the firm founded by his father, Henry F. Miller.

At one time Mr. Miller was class secretary, and was the first treasurer of the Technology Club. In 1900 he became president of the Alumni Association and during the Harvard-Technology merger discussion was one of the most zealous fighters of the plan. His influence in the Massachusetts legislature did much to secure the gift from the state of \$100,000 annually.

COLEMAN DU PONT '84

Coleman Du Pont '84 is chairman of the Inter-Racial Council, which is making a campaign "to make aliens better understood." The aim is to offset Bolshevik propaganda and to promote better relations among the races. The immediate cause of the campaign is the general uneasiness caused by the deportations, which is making many harmless and useful aliens prepare to leave the country.

WATT '18—MEAD

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Mead of 77 Appleton street, Arlington Heights, formerly of Lexington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mildred Wallace Mead to Charles Henry Watt '18, Miss Mead, after her graduation from the Lexington High School with the class of 1914, attended the Boston School of Painting. Watt is a graduate of the Institute and also holds a degree from Harvard University. During the war he served as lieutenant in the Field Artillery and since leaving the service has been connected with the American Zinc Company, at Mascot, Tennessee.

While at Technology, he was vice-president of his class in his Junior year; he also was a member of the Governing Board of the Mining Engineering Society, and was on the class football team as freshman and sophomore and on the varsity hockey team during his second and third years.

THALHEIMER '92—GRIFFIN

Miss Frances Atkins Griffin, a teacher in West Roxbury, was recently married in Freeport, Maine, at the home of her brother, John T. Griffin, to William Coolidge Thalheimer '92. Mr. Thalheimer has been engaged as consulting engineer in Cincinnati, Ohio, but after the wedding trip the couple will reside in Freeport. His degree was in Civil Engineering.

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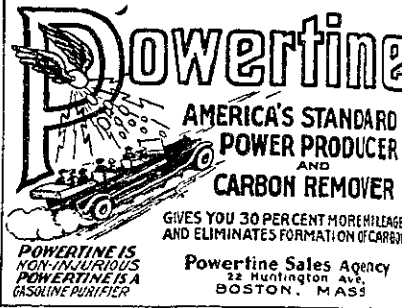


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