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YOUTH IS WITH US

**A**N unfortunate incident occurred in the East Lounge of Walker Memorial on Monday night. As the result of rowdiness and acts of a schoolboy nature, an electric light fixture of expensive design was broken. Because of this affair both lounges will be closed hereafter at five-thirty. As usual, a few selfish and thoughtless individuals will cause the innocent majority to suffer.

It seems to us that this act of thoughtlessness or indifference is evidence of an attitude which is apparent in many ways around Technology. It is shown by the men who are responsible for the present condition of the telephone booths and by the men who throw cigarettes in the corridors. We hope some day to be engineers. An engineer has to think continually of other people and he has to serve the community. Men who indulge in such performances as that on Monday night have no thought for their fellows, nor do they serve the community. We, on account of our training, should be in a position to realize the value of our buildings and their fittings, but apparently these men have not attained that position.

Let us all attempt to rid ourselves of this thoughtless and indifferent attitude, which will be an obstacle in our engineering career. We can do this by having some thought for our fellow students and by showing respect for the buildings in which we are obtaining an education.

A MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

**T**HAT Walker Memorial needs some sort of a driveway or curbstone is very evident to a number of us who attend dances there. In rainy weather those who bring their friends in cars cannot well alight upon the muddy terrace which, at such a time, is nearly always a veritable quagmire. The only alternative is to drive up over the terrace on to the sidewalk. However, this scatters mud all over the walk and not only makes the walk and the grass-plot very unsightly but makes the former quite disagreeable to less fortunate dancers who have to walk to the dance and who therefore are compelled to dodge the mudballs scattered across their path.

It would be a very easy matter for the Institute to put in a small paved driveway; or, better yet, build a walk out to the edge of the terrace upon which one can alight and thus not only save the patience of pedestrians but also preserve the appearance of the terrace and walk as well. An opportunity for you, Institute Committee.

A FIFTY-FIFTY JOB

**T**HE manner in which many of the walls around the Institute have been cleaned remind us of the small boy who washed his face and hands, but leaves a dirty ring around his neck and wrists.

In building two this is most noticeable. The lower half of the walls have been washed clean but about six feet above the floor the tell tale ring appears. Above that the dark sooty deposit stands out in sharp contrast to the clean lower half.

It is not the custom of Technology to half do things. We suggest that the cleaning be completed and in the future the walls either be entirely cleaned or else the dirtiness be not exaggerated by such a distinct line.

FROSH SELL TICKETS

Tickets for the 1924 Dance, which will be given in Walker Memorial on Feb. 24, will go on sale on Monday at noon. The attendance at this affair, which will be formal, will be limited to 150 couples. Tickets admitting one couple will sell for \$3.00. The music will be furnished by Bert Loew's orchestra, while the decorations and refreshments will surpass the standard attained in this respect at other Institute dances, at least so say the members of the committee, which consists of G. W. Bowers, chairman; A. J. Kemp, G. W. Knight, M. F. Taylor, and H. E. Whitaker.

Much favorable comment has been heard on the execution of the posters, and it is expected that the dance will be a complete success.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT M. E. SOCIETY SMOKER WEDNESDAY

The Mechanical Engineering Society Smoker, last Tuesday evening was one of the best attended smokers of the year. About 150 men were present in the main hall of Walker Memorial.

Professor Hayward spoke first, on the different phases of mechanical engineering. The other speaker was Professor Miller, whose subject was the cost of maintaining the Institute. These addresses were followed by several reels of movies, mostly on technical subjects. There were, however, also two comedy films.

A special M. E. cheer was devised for the occasion and copies of it were distributed through the audience. Music was furnished by the Robbins brothers.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:— This communication is to clear up some misunderstanding of the writer of the letter in THE TECH issued on Feb. 1.

If the writer looks at things in that way, the things in the world are related to one another indefinitely, but don't we realize that we prefer to live according to the principle of the "Right person for the right place"?

Regarding the Waltham trip, a member of the Club may not have found any interest in the Cosmopolitan Club's trips, but he may find great interest in the Club in some other lines. Regarding the mathematical questions, those two questions just simply meant "Is the gain and the loss balanced?" It is not to be solved by applying regular mathematical ideas, but to be understood by applying common sense. The indirect method of expression is sometimes found more interesting and more effective than direct method of expression.

There are two kinds of intellectual training for a person, one from engineering and scientific education, and another from personal association. The former is not so hard as it seems; the latter looks like pleasure but is often difficult. I know a person very well, but I would not tell people "Who he is?". I tell "What he is?". He was good in his school work, receiving highest honors in college, but unsuccessful in doing business after graduation. The Cosmopolitan Club plays the most important factor of all to obtain intellectual training of personal society which is not in the courses of instruction of the school.

It is said that the word "NEWS" consists of the first four letters of North, East, West and South respectively. Reports coming from 4 directions constitute "NEWS." Reasoning according to the above "NEWS" coming from every corner of the earth, the word "COSMOPOLITAN" may consist of 12 letters—A. O.

(Atlantic Ocean), P. O. (Pacific Ocean), I. O. (Indian Ocean), L. (Link), T. (Toward), M. (Magnetized), C. (Compass), S. (South), N. (North Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean link toward magnetized compass (North, South) is called Cosmopolitan Club. The compass points out S. and N. meaning "Social News," and not E and W, or "Engineering Weight." (This expression is to be understood as in case of mathematical questions, and does not apply to the regular theory of magnetism, geography, etc.) Having two succeeding engineering trips before having a regular meeting in the first five weeks of the new term does not fit the above mentioned Club.

Regarding the scope of the Club, it is proportional to the efficiency of each member. Regarding the trip:—A small number of men attended it and enjoyed themselves. What are the remaining large number of men going to do? Do they wait for another chance? Prof. Sedgwick proved himself "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come." Here we have clear witness to the fact, "Today is ours." The next trip or meeting of a member may never come. Let's all go together and share equally in the day's meeting.

The writer says "To refute in further detail the mentioned article is not worth while." I beg to say if he looked at the articles from the same standpoint as he regarded my mathematical questions, he, of course, found them not worth while. He also says, "It is not by a communication to the Editor of THE TECH— I beg to say, "How many members are in the Club and how many of them attend meetings or trips"? (my humble opinion regarding present substantial condition of the Club and graphical representation of the Club in 1917, 1918, 1919, etc., will be disclosed at the earliest possible meeting as it is for the members of the Club only.) How long does it take to communicate suggestions of a member to every member of the Club? I therefore borrowed a column of THE TECH in M. I. T., where we live under the same engineering and scientific family roof to reach everybody interested. The power of the Club as a whole to command itself is influenced by its members who offer suggestions, together with such suggestions as may be made by outsiders which latter are sometimes of even greater value. That's one way, I think, to keep the Club not down, but up and on.

Mr. President refers me to the constitution of the Club. Good; the constitution will be wrong and need amendment if I am not wrong. Mr. President refers me to the opinion of the majority. Good; the majority will have to be wrong if the constitution is wrong. A person who is defeated quantitatively is not always defeated qualitatively.

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## INDUSTRIAL EUROPE SUBJECT AT SMOKER

Editor of Engineering News-Record to Give Illustrated Lecture at Civil Engineering Society Meeting

HAS SPOKEN HERE BEFORE

E. J. Mehren, editor in chief of the Engineering News Record will present a few observations on Europe to members of the Civil Engineering Society Wednesday evening, Feb. 9 in north hall, Walker. The smoker begins at 7:30 o'clock and not only smokes, but refreshments and music, are on the evening's program.

Mr. Mehren has recently returned from an extensive inspection trip to Europe and while abroad gave particular attention to such matters as the British industrial situation and reconstruction in devastated regions in France. He collected a number of interesting photographs which will be shown on slides at the smoker.

Mr. Mehren is no newcomer to Institute halls. Several years ago he appeared before the Civil Engineering Society and made a lasting impression.

## NOTICES for Undergraduates

The trip to the Lynn General Electric Plant by Corporation XV has been postponed from February 9th to February 16.

A meeting of all men interested and engaged in Industrial Service Work will be held in the back office of the T. C. A. Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Professor Carle R. Hayward of the Mining Department will speak at the meeting of the Boston Section of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers at the Engineers' Club, Monday Evening, February 7th, on "Some Experiences in Sulphating Ores."

Professor William Emerson, head of the Department of Architecture, will give an illustrated lecture on Housing Problems at the Boston Public Library under the auspices of the Women's Municipal League, February 10 at 8:30.

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