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THE ORDNANCE SCHOOL COMES TO TECH

DURING the war the efforts of M. I. T. to train officers for the flying forces of the Navy, and to assist the government generally, brought to the attention of the various department heads the efficiency and standards of the Institute. Finding Technology eager to cooperate in a most patriotic spirit and realizing that the Institute afforded facilities for the training of Ordnance officers at much lower cost than the maintenance of a service school for the purpose, the government has seen fit to move the Ordnance School from Aberdeen to Boston.

This is at once an honor and a responsibility. The selection of Tech is a great accolade as it evinces the high opinion entertained for the scholastic methods and faculty of the Institute. It is a step forward in the direction of utilizing the intellectual forces found at great educational centers for preparedness for national defense. It tends to link up college and war department in a bond of patriotic interest and co-operation. It gives to the Institute the power of serving the country by producing Ordnance experts. It is believed that she has never failed to meet the challenge of responsibility and therefore, confident in her will to serve and succeed, we view with extreme gratification the removal of the Ordnance School to Technology.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

THE experiment of an Intercollegiate Conference on student government has been tried and has turned out successfully. That seems to be the consensus of opinion. It certainly is gratifying for us to feel that the first conference of its kind, held under our auspices, turned out so well.

The Executive Committee deserves the congratulations of all for the efficient manner in which preparations were made and the meetings conducted. The plans were so laid out that the discussion on each subject was just sufficient, and there was a minimum of time wasted in useless talk.

There is no doubt that all the delegates were very well satisfied with the results. Many good ideas were brought forth and all the subjects were briefly but thoroughly treated in the discussion. It is usually very difficult for a conference of any kind to actually accomplish anything, and it speaks well for the ability and calibre of the men who took part that the results of this Conference were so satisfying.

Credit must also be given to the General Committee for their work in arranging for the entertainment of the representatives from other institutions. By means of the dance and banquet, and in many other ways, our guests were shown the social side of the Institute, and they enjoyed themselves very much. We hope that they will carry back to their universities and colleges, a new and more truly representative impression of Technology, and as a result, may we assume a more prominent position among institutions of learning.

THE INSTITUTE TENNIS COURTS

AN earnest attempt is being made to develop a first class tennis team at the Institute this year. The tennis management and candidates are doing everything in their power to place the team on a successful basis. It is difficult to understand why the Institute is so lax in getting the tennis courts into playing condition when the lack of courts is so seriously hampering the candidates in getting the very necessary practice, when practically all of the courts in this vicinity have been in condition for several weeks. What good reason is there for Technology being so far behind? The tennis management deserves a stronger backing, and it is to be hoped that the Institute courts will soon be attended to by the proper authorities.

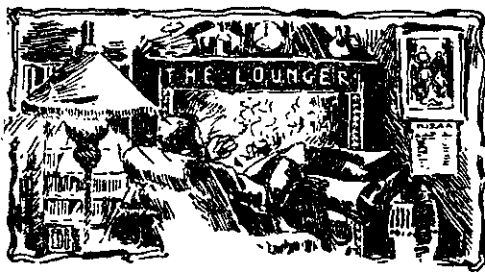
THE Managing Board of Volume XLI takes pleasure in announcing the election of Stevens Bromley '23 to the position of Managing Editor, and of G. H. Southard, III, '23, to the position of News Editor.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:
In your issue of Wednesday, April 20, you carried on your front page a story relating how the reports on the Intercollegiate Conference were handled by the M. I. T. Press Association, and how the bulk of the material was assembled in skeleton form for the reporters so that they could get the material for their stories with a minimum amount of labor. Remembering that the reporters covering the conference met the secretaries of the various divisions and got their own material for their stories may we as more or less old and crabbed followers of the journalistic Muse, suggest to the young and budding association of more or less journalists that the cardinal principle of all journalism is Truth?
JOSEPH S. WARD,
JAMES D. SARROS,

April 20, 1921.

To the Editor of THE TECH:
On behalf of the General Committee in charge of the Intercollegiate Conference, I wish to thank the men who co-operated last week-end in making this important event so successful. Many of the delegates have expressed their appreciation to the Committee and have asked that we in turn thank the men of Technology for the kind hospitality received. The general opinion seems to be that the Conference was beneficial to all colleges concerned and that the results obtained warranted the holding of such gatherings in the future.
(Signed) W. R. BARKER.



Down I sank, book in hand, into the depths of a restful chair, and, feet disposed at a comfortable angle on the window seat promptly lost myself in the adventurous maze of Ibanez' most thrilling.

Gallardo, poised on toe, was about to fix his darts in the fleshy neck of the advancing bull. "I beg your pardon—" a voice penetrated my consciousness—"I beg your pardon, but we are holding a meeting here at five. Would you mind—" But I had anticipated him. "Certainly not," said I, returning the book to the proper shelf, and gathering up my hat I left the Walker Memorial Library.

The next day I came again. This time I advanced two pages. Gallardo was now poised momentarily upon the horns of the bull. For a moment, caught there, he spun. Then—"I beg your pardon" a voice intruded, "but the sub-committee on the discontinuation of the evil practice of matching pennies is having a meeting here at five. Would you mind—" Why, no," I lied. "Perhaps I can read in the Faculty room." It was not illiteracy which prevented me. Again a voice drew my attention from a leading editorial. "I beg your pardon, but the association for the distribution of canary seed to the Institute pigeons is meeting here in five minutes. would you mind—"

Feeling sure that there would be no open air committee meeting I sought refuge on the steps of Walker. Having nothing to read out there, I thought:

Here is a library nicely fitted up with comfortable chairs and a goodly supply of books (which may not be taken from the library). Here are twenty and I with an hour or so for diversion after a reasonably good day's work. Here is a committee with various businesses to transact, and looking for a place to transact them. The twenty and I, by way of diversion, choose to read in the Walker Library. The committee chooses, by way of convenience, to meet in the Walker Library. The committee meets there. The organized ten politely oust the unsuspecting twenty. Is it a proper use of the recreation room? Might not the twenty and I well be left to recreate, putting the committee to the inconvenience of finding another meeting place—possibly even in the less comfortable if more businesslike class rooms of the Institute?

Avers Boston Shows "Irresponsible Levity"

Perhaps those at the Institute other than the commuters, have as yet been unable to decide the question "Why is Boston". For such as there are of these, a recent editorial in the "Harvard Crimson" may serve as an enlightenment.

"Boston, affirms a time-worn jest, is not a place but a state of mind. If this be so—and some foundation must exist for the adage—the query next follows: What is this state of mind? Intellectual, many will reply:

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Puritanical, others may suggest; or unbalanced, the sarcastic might intimate. But judging a cross-section of the populace—as exhibited at the theatre, for example—one receives the impression that the true state is irresponsible levity. "Bostonians themselves acknowledge, with what pride they can assume, that they are peculiar. In no way is their eccentricity more apparent than that at the play.—When the fair heroine is sobbing with all within her dramatic command, when the aged squire is struck dead from behind with an axe, or when, at the w. k. psychological moment, a wailing babe is introduced as evidence, then the audience take their cue to shake with laughter.— "The average spectator who hails from districts foreign to the solemn traditions of Beacon Hill, is astounded at this display of merriment. And he is perplexed as to its source. Whether it be simply an unrecognized playfulness in Boston's citizens, or whether it veers to the other extreme in the shape of a seriously perverted sense of humor is hard to say."

The Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute has recently made several acquisitions in the way of new machinery for the mechanical laboratory. The chassis and engine of an Overland automobile, a Retrex wet air pump, a lidgerwood hoisting machine, a steam steering gear, and two electric machines, one a 15-kilowatt engine driven generator made by the General Electric Company, and the other a 50 kilowatt turbo-generator made by the Westinghouse Company. They also received a huge reduction gear weighing 45 tons, which is only an accessory to a 3000 H. P. turbine which will arrive in a few days, and it is even whispered that a German submarine Diesel engine will be shipped to the Institute.

A note in the Wellesley College News informs us that Elizabeth Milton Thomson '22 is engaged to Harold Ebert Collins, M. I. T. '18.

The undergraduates and faculty of Wesleyan College are raising a fund to found twenty-seven \$5000 scholarships in memory of the 27 Wesleyan men who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

In the Senior Class vote at Princeton, the University "P" was awarded the distinction of being the most coveted honor, a place occupied in recent years by Phi Beta Kappa.

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