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In Charge of This Issue

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SED FACIMUS NON

WITHOUT any exaggeration whatever, we may safely say that the art of exaggeration is the most broadly cultivated, the most widely used, and, with the exception of editorial writing, the most important of all the arts.

The man who says, "don't exaggerate," would take away the greatest asset of orators, salesmen and professors. He would deprive all ordinary mortals of one of their chief sources of enjoyment.

No orator has ever moved an audience to action, no debater has ever favorably impressed his judges, no politician has ever been elected to office, without the use of that mighty art, exaggeration.

Tell children that the United States is a very fine country, that it has had two or three able statesmen, that its political institutions compare favorably with those of a few other countries. How patriotic they will grow up to be!

Coming closer to home, hasn't the professor who gives a four hour assignment in a two hour course an exaggerated opinion of the importance of his course? Again, if the head of a department is asked what profession to choose he may tell of some of the fine points of other courses, but in the end, he is sure to whisper the secret that his is the best.

And Love, thy middle name is exaggeration, with emphasis twice on every syllable. Are not letters read in divorce courts ample proof of the fact that out of every hundred married or ex-married couples, there are ninety-nine of the fair sex having the most beautiful eyes, ears, nose and lips.

Life itself is an exaggeration. Watch the average mortal through a whole day, and come to the conclusion that we are all exaggerated babies.

Men May Have Commissions

Thirteen of the 18 members of the University of Michigan Reserve Officers' Training Corps who graduated last summer and who completed the course will be offered commissions in the officers' reserve corps, according to Major Robert Arthur, commandant of the corps.

The Tech Enters 42nd Year of Continuous Service 1881 - 1922



A Record of Continuous News Service for 41 years! Forty-one years ago yesterday, on November 16, 1881, the first issue of THE TECH appeared, a little twelve page magazine, and the first publication at Technology. Technique had not been thought of, and Voo Doo and The Tech Engineering News were not to come for a quarter of a century.

Thus THE TECH started. It has been successful beyond expectations; but only a few who are acquainted with its inside history know the many hours and months of work that have made it what it is, and on more than one occasion it has seemed as if the only reward would be certain failure.

THE TECH continued in its magazine form, though its articles in the late eighties began to develop a distinctly "newsy" tinge, until the fall of 1903. It was then changed from a weekly magazine to a four column four page newspaper appearing three times a week. Then it really took up

its present work, namely that of furnishing the undergraduate with Institute news.

From 1909 until 1914 the paper appeared as a daily, though printed on a smaller sheet than it is now. The daily schedule was finally given up as a losing proposition both in regards to the quality of the news articles and the financial upkeep.

During the war THE TECH probably was of more service to Technology than it ever had been, for it contained both Institute news and news of the actions of the Alumni in the service. Due to this added Alumni news the circulation to graduates mounted in leaps and bounds, and even at the present time THE TECH may boast of the largest alumni subscription of any eastern college paper.

It was during the war, when it was apparent that more room was needed in the paper, that the size sheet used today was adopted. Indeed the past few volumes of THE TECH owe many thanks to the Managing Boards of the war volumes for their work.

No changes in style or frequency of publication have been made since Volume XLI brought the paper back to a tri-weekly status a year ago this fall.

Past and Present

PROF. H. W. TYLER '84 President of the Board Vol. III 1883-84

Forty years in the life of an institution is long or short according to its age and one's point of view. Forty years in the life of an undergraduate publication is far more significant—ten undergraduate generations. To recognize the lineaments of the precocious infant of 1881 in the robust and mature TECH of 1922 is doubtless impossible.

Without resorting quite to the deadly parallel column, note the anti-theses:

In 1882 a weekly for 300, in 1922 a tri-weekly—or should one say a bi-daily—for ten times 300; then, a staid, if not too decorous, bound magazine, now, a breezy, progressive newspaper; then, diversified by an occasional cartoon, well planned if perhaps feebly executed, now, adorned with recognizable portraits and real illustrations; then, alternating between sad depths of homeless bankruptcy and gay heights of hotel extravagance, now, steadily affluent enough to contemplate building; then, with a loyal few struggling to "carry on" without sailing too close to the chill wind of Faculty admonition, now, with an eager cohort of disciplined cooperators and the benevolent interest of the Dean.

common good, heedless even of Technology's reputation, sunk in egoism. Still one cannot fail to see progress; the "intelligence quotient" of 1922 is probably neither higher nor lower than the I. Q. of 1882—if our ancestors had ever had this modern malady; we are perhaps not freer from the types which do not survive, but our social life and our physical welfare have risen to higher levels and our collective thinking, if not more exact or more profound, has become more humane. We have not merely "wandered forty years in the wilderness."

All Cornell Alumni Will Receive News

This week's issue of the Alumni News, containing a complete report of the business transacted last Friday and Saturday, will be mailed to every living Cornell alumnus. This involves the mailing of some 27,300 additional copies, the regular circulation being 5,700.

WANTED: Twenty undergraduates to sell copies and subscriptions for the TECHNOLOGY REVIEW on a commission basis. Men of all courses and classes are needed, and are offered 20 per cent. Report to Room 3-207 at 5:00 P. M. Tuesday, Nov. 21.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The night editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is J. P. Ramsey, Jr., telephone Univ. 6053-R. All matters pertaining to the issue should be referred to him.

Combined Musical Clubs members report at the Marshall Studio, Harvard Square, Sunday, November 19, at 10 o'clock for picture. All members must be present and tuxedos must be worn.

The fifth lecture in Recent Developments in Science will be given at 4 o'clock today in room 10-250. Professor D. A. MacInnes of the Department of Chemistry will speak on "Electrons and X-rays."

THE TECH Staff Smoker will be held in the Faculty dining room at 8 o'clock this evening. All men connected with the paper are expected to attend.

Pictures of all the Field Day teams will be taken for Technique 1924 tomorrow at 12 o'clock, in Walker Memorial, third floor.



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