

## SENIORS IN FAVOR OF CAPS AND GOWNS

### Decision Reached by Vote of 195 to 150—Ends Long Discussion

#### OLD CUSTOM ABOLISHED

By a vote of 195 to 150 the Senior Class decided yesterday that caps and gowns would be worn at commencement this spring, thus breaking a custom which has prevailed since 1895. Not since the graduation of the Class of 1895 have caps and gowns been worn at graduation exercises at the Institute. The vote was taken in room 2-075 from 9 to 5 o'clock, by written ballot which was worded, "Shall the Class of 1923 wear caps and gowns at graduation?" No arrangements for making the garments available to the members of the class have yet been made, nor has it been decided at which of the Senior Week affairs they will be worn.

The decision finally arrived at yesterday is the result of almost a month's discussion. During the early part of the term, the Senior class officers appointed a committee consisting of B. P. Lane '23, chairman, C. C. Taylor '23, H. W. Dexter '23, H. L. Hayden '23, and T. O. Richards '23, to investigate the advisability of wearing caps and gowns at the graduation of the class.

#### Hold Class Meeting

This committee reported favorably and a larger committee of about 45 men was appointed to recommend action to the class as a whole. This body met January 22 to consider the proposition further and unanimously passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that the committee recommend that as one step in the improvement of the graduation exercises, the Class of 1923 wear caps and gowns."

A class meeting was held in room 10-250 the following Monday for the purpose of deciding the matter. After a spirited debate, during which it became evident that there was considerable opposition to the action in the class, a motion that the class wear caps and gowns was made and passed by a large majority. The class officers decided, however, that those members of the class who were unable to attend the mass meeting should be given an opportunity to express their opinion on the matter, so the written referendum was held.

#### Disapprove Diploma Distribution

This is one of the first instances in which the movement for more formal graduation exercises at Technology has born fruit. The Class of 1922 considered the proposition, but the time of graduation was so close when the subject came up that it was impossible to take any action on the matter.

The committee in charge of commencement is endeavoring to discourage the practice of leaving before the ceremony and receiving the diploma by mail. It is also proposed that the custom of reading extracts from theses at the exercises be abolished, and the method of distributing the diplomas has been attacked. The present practice is to place on the platform baskets of diplomas arranged according to courses, and permit each Senior to pick out his own. The committee is attempting to make sure that hereafter the diplomas will be handed personally to the graduates.

## FACULTY HEARS GERARD SWOPE DURING LUNCHEON

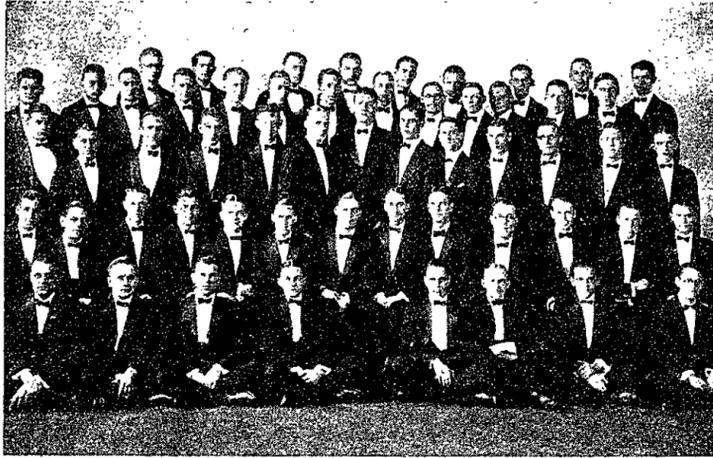
### General Electric President Speaks in Walker

Mr. Gerard Swope '95, president of the General Electric Company and former term member of the Technology Corporation, addressed the Faculty of the Institute at a luncheon in the Faculty and Alumni dining room yesterday at noon.

A large attendance was present at this meeting which was the second of its kind this year. Dr. Stratton was among those present although he did not deliver an address.

At the Faculty Club's mid-winter assembly last Saturday in Walker Memorial a reception was given to Dr. Stratton who delivered a short address to the 240 members present. After the reception some adjourned to dance in the main hall. A radio demonstration and concert were later given in the north hall.

## Playing in Concert This Evening



### TEA DANCE TOMORROW AFTERNOON IN WALKER

#### Affair for Benefit of Boxing and Fencing Teams

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the strains of Morey Pearl's Chateau orchestra will open the term's first Tea Dance. The dance, which is to continue until 6:30 o'clock, is for the benefit of the Boxing and Fencing teams, and is being conducted under the auspices of the Walker Memorial Committee.

The following are the matrons for this dance: Mrs. E. A. King, Mrs. R. P. Bigelow, Mrs. L. M. Passano, Mrs. E. F. Langley, Mrs. H. G. Pearson, Mrs. H. P. Talbot, and Mrs. R. G. Hudson.

Tickets are still available, and may be obtained at the office of the Walker Memorial Committee, from the members of the Calumet Club, or from members of the Boxing and Fencing teams. The price is \$1.50.

## CHORALS SING BEFORE TEA DANCE TOMORROW

### Many Numbers on Program Will Include Talents of Outside Soloists

A public concert by the Choral Society to be held in north hall at 2:30 o'clock will immediately precede Saturday's tea dance. This concert, the society's first of the season, is to be given primarily to arouse interest in the activities of the society, and no admission will be charged.

Mr. Steven Townsend, the guiding hand of the society, will be present to direct the program.

The following numbers will be sung:

Ye Shepherds, Tell Me	Mazzinghi
by Entire Society	
Beam from Yonder Star	Bullard
by Entire Society	
Battle Song of Fra Morende	Hiller
by Entire Society	
Nocturnes	Sanderson
Oh Life	
Tired Hands	
The Harbor Bay	
by Mrs. Leavitt	
Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves	Handel
by R. Isensee	
Hymn to the Night	Tipton
by Mrs. Logan	
Dawn on the Desert	Ross
by Mrs. Logan	
The House That Jack Built	Homer
by Mrs. Logan	
Sea Songs	
Drake's Drum	
Devon, O Devon, in Wind and Rain	
The Old Superb	

The soloists will be accompanied by Ethel Haskell at the piano, Mrs. Clara Leavitt sings contralto and Mr. Robert Isensee, bass.

The next appearance of the society is planned for the early part of May when a concert will be given at Jordan Hall.

## CLEOFAN DANCES TONIGHT IN EMMA ROGERS ROOM

This evening, Cleofan will hold a dance in the Emma Rogers room. This is the first dance that the coeds have had this term and they expect that a good number of the girls will be there. The affair will start at 8:30 and is expected to run till midnight. The chaperones for the dance include Professor and Mrs. W. H. Weston. Professor Weston is connected with the department of Cryptogamic Botany at Harvard. The orchestra for the occasion has not been announced but will not be of local men.

## NASH SERIES ENDS WITH ILLUSTRATIONS

### Specific Examples Cited to Show Success of Golden Rule

#### 600 ATTEND EACH MEETING

Opening the final meeting of his series here at the Institute with but a short talk, Mr. Nash, Wednesday, gave over much of the time of the third meeting in main hall to the answering of the questions of the audience by citing specific examples that have occurred in industry. As his time was short the questions were but few, but the examples were most illustrating and added to the arguments in favor of the use of the "Golden Rule" industry that were given in the telling of his own experience.

#### Happiness Brought Employees

Starting on Monday at the first meeting, Mr. Nash traced briefly the history of the A. Nash Company, showing the great increase in business and efficiency that it attained in the adoption of this principle, and, what is more, the bringing of happiness to its employees.

Continuing the second meeting he discussed the great law from a philosophical standpoint, treating it, not as a means to success in business, but as a principle which is rightly the only one on which one's life should be run. At an evening meeting the same day, Tuesday, the questions of those present were answered and many interesting points brought out.

#### Attendance Proves Interest

In the last meeting of the series, Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Nash showed by a story of incidents at the stone quarries of Indiana that the "Golden Rule" can be successfully applied to a large and well established industry, as well as to one of but 29 employees, the number in his shop when first started.

The attendance at these meetings showed beyond all question the interest of the student body in this question of such great importance in the industrial world today. An average of about 600 undergraduates and a considerable number of visitors and Faculty members made up the audiences of the three meetings, while many of those who wished to attend had classes.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALUMNI ENTERTAIN DR. STRATTON

### Speaks Before Gathering of Brown Alumni

Dr. Stratton on Friday, February 2, spent the day in Manchester N. H., where he was the guest of the Technology Alumni of Manchester and the surrounding country. During the early part of the day he visited the Amoskeag Mills, and in the evening he was entertained by the Alumni at dinner.

On Monday, February 5, he was the guest of honor at a dinner of the Brown alumni in Boston, where the principal speakers were Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University, and President Stratton.

On Sunday, February 4, Dr. Stratton was at home informally to the Army Officers connected with the Institute, and their wives.

## CLUBS ASSISTED BY SINGER TONIGHT AT SYMPHONY HALL

### RADIO SOCIETY VISITS GENERAL RADIO PLANT

#### Demonstration of Special Tape Recorder Made

Tuesday afternoon members of the M. I. T. Radio Society were conducted through the factory and laboratories of the General Radio Company, of Cambridge. The feature of the trip was the demonstration of a tape recorder, capable of copying code up to a speed of 100 words per minute.

The men were divided into three small groups, and each of these was conducted by an official of the company. The factory was first visited, and members of the society were shown the steps in the manufacture of radio apparatus from raw material to the finished product.

The company's laboratory which was next inspected, is used for testing and final inspection of apparatus, and also for radio research and development work. The members were shown an automatic tape recorder in actual operation. Code was copied on it from several American long wave stations, and it can even be used to copy foreign stations, although more amplification must be used. A variation in plate current of only a few milliamperes is sufficient to work the pen of the recorder.

## FRESHMEN HOLD FORTH TOMORROW IN WALKER

### Order of Speakers at Smoker Announced—Tickets Required

Tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock the long-looked-forward-to freshman smoker will begin in the main hall of Walker. The first speaker of the evening will be President Stratton, who will be introduced by M. M. Greer '26, president of the class. The latest arrangements include a piano solo by Mr. C. F. Lyman.

Following Dr. Stratton's talk, Dr. A. W. Rowe '01, will speak on the subject of "Athletics." This and the talk following by Assistant Dean H. E. Lobdell '17, on "Publications" are designed to show the relation existing between the subject of activities and freshmen. Mr. Lyman will give a piano solo after Mr. Lobdell's talk, and this act will be followed by the vaudeville performance by Scott and Bayrd, the "Ginger Boys."

Tickets are necessary to obtain refreshments at this smoker, and they may be obtained today from 9 until 5 o'clock in the main lobby. No charge is made for these tickets.

## MEETING OF NEW YORK CLUB TO DISCUSS DANCE

### Signups Will Be Sent to All New Yorkers

The New York City Club will hold a meeting in the Faculty room of Walker Memorial today at 5 o'clock for the purpose of discussing plans for the contemplated dance. At the last meeting of the club a committee was appointed to look into the possibilities and expenses of a dance and, as they have reported favorably, further plans will be made. This investigation committee consisted of E. J. Doolittle '26, E. B. Stallman '25, C. F. Kirsch '26, and Martin Walter '26, chairman.

Several bids have been received from orchestras, including one from Morey Pearl.

In order to ascertain whether the New York men are in favor of holding the dance signups will be sent to all students from New York and if a sufficient number are returned a definite date will be set and final arrangements made. The officers of the club would like to state that a marked increase in interest towards the club has been shown lately. The club is now under the management of the class of 1926 and although its members are at present entirely of the freshman class it is hoped to have the names of many upperclassmen included soon.

## SOPRANO TO GIVE SEVERAL NUMBERS

### Affair Promises to Be Big- gest Appearance of Season

#### TICKETS TODAY IN LOBBY

With facilities for a larger audience than any previous Boston concert of the Combined Musical Clubs, the Symphony Hall Concert this evening promises to be one of the best of the season. An unusual and somewhat longer program, including numbers by Miss Marjorie Moody, soprano, is to be given, starting at 8 o'clock, and the sale of seats so far has been good. Tickets will be on sale today in the main lobby from 9 to 5 o'clock.

#### Miss Moody Has Two Numbers

In arranging this concert, the management of the clubs is endeavoring to bring together the Alumni and students and to provide for them the best concert that the clubs have yet given, and chose Symphony Hall as the place so that all the friends of the Institute might be accommodated. Three specialty acts, the usual numbers by the different clubs, and two numbers by Miss Moody make up the 16 number program.

In one of her numbers, consisting of two songs, Miss Moody will be assisted by the Glee Club. Her second number is to be a group of songs and this time she will be accompanied by Mr. W. E. Weston, coach of the Glee Club. Miss Moody sang in Symphony Hall on January 7, taking the leading part in "Elijah," and had a most successful summer season last year as a soloist with Sousa's Band. She is thus well known to concert-goers.

#### New Stunts for Old Acts

One of the specialty acts, entitled "Mystery," is given by K. C. Kingsley '23. Kingsley presented his act at the concerts on the last Winter Trip and was with the Clubs in a similar capacity last year, but an act of entirely new tricks is promised for tonight by those in charge.

The other two acts, a xylophone solo by G. P. Rupert '25, and a quartet, have both been on the Clubs' programs before, the latter act appearing at the recent Winter Concert. The xylophone solo appeared at many of the concerts of the previous season and has been kept because of the success it attained.

Besides, the sale in the main lobby today, tickets for which are reserved and range in price from 50 cents to \$2, may be had at Herrick's and at the Symphony Hall box office.

## DANCE FOLLOWS GAME

A dance will be held after the basketball game tomorrow evening in the New Gym. The first dance of this season after a game, was held after the Wesleyan contest, and proved to be a very successful affair. The largest crowd that ever witnessed a game in the New Gym enjoyed the dancing after the game. The arrangements in regard to tickets will be the same. Tickets for the game and for the dance can be obtained at the door.

## CALENDAR

- Friday, February 9  
5:00—New York City Club meeting, Faculty and Alumni room, Walker.  
5:10—T. C. A. Bible Study meeting, Mount Vernon Church vestry.  
8:00—Musical Clubs Concert, Symphony Hall, corner Huntington Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue.  
8:30—Acadian dance, Emma Rogers room, Building 10.  
Saturday, February 10  
2:30—Concert by Technology Choral Society, north hall, Walker.  
3:00—Walker Memorial Committee tea dance, main hall, Walker.  
8:00—Freshman smoker, main hall, Walker.  
Tuesday, February 13  
2:00—Corporation XV movies, room 5-330.  
Wednesday, February 14  
8:00—Senior Class dance, main hall, Walker.  
Friday, February 16  
7:30—Sophomore Smoker, main hall, Walker.  
8:00—Technology - Harvard - Princeton Gym meet and dance, north hall, Walker.  
Tuesday, February 27  
3:00—Moving pictures by Starrett Co., room 5-330.