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ON THE RIGHT ROAD

THIS is neither an alibi or an explanation; it is a statement. Technology's track team was beaten fairly and soundly by Harvard Saturday but the spirit shown in the stadium seems more to the Institute than a victory.

It was enough to put a thrill into an iron man to watch the courageous battle Tech men staged in every running event and they were working just as hard, though less spectacularly, in the field contests.

A GOOD IDEA—BUT IS IT POSSIBLE

THIS term the Electrical Engineering Department initiated the practice of securing outside lecturers to help Tech students solve the most pressing problem they have to face—how to study.

But it seems that the experts who have analyzed this problem for the P. E. E. sections have mistaken the real need. The accent in these lectures has fallen on thoroughness and detailed exactness, which demand painstaking, time-consuming methods.

A man who is carrying a couple of extra-curriculum activities would doubtless be much interested to know that he would have his Applied Mechanics much more firmly in hand if day by day he copied into his notebook the gist of the text assignment.

A NEW BUT VALUABLE ACTIVITY

THE first step toward a permanent debating team was taken last Wednesday when the Technology debators contested with Boston University. Although they came off second best by a close decision, their work opens a new field of activity, and shows that Technology may have a place in the field of intercollegiate debate.

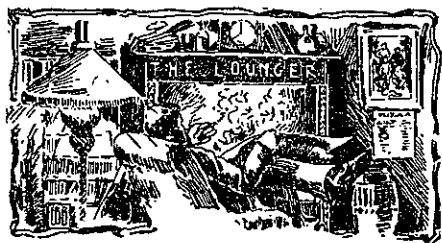
This innovation is praiseworthy for two reasons. First it will provide an opportunity for men to develop their expressive powers and gain the confidence in public appearance, which is so noticeably lacking among engineers.

Seniors Anticipate June

Since the first of May, college campuses throughout the East have been decked by dignified Seniors parading back and forth arrayed in academic costume.

At Brown, the Senior class is being exhorted by its officers to assist in the establishment of the custom of wearing caps and gowns to chapel and morning exercises.

The following lost articles are as yet unclaimed at the office of the superintendent of buildings and power. Seven notebooks without names, one "Since the Civil War" one "Useful Tables," one "Inorganic Chemistry" and two "Descriptive Geometry" books.



The Senior Class this year seems to be revolutionizing the sweet little formality of graduating. More than this, it has arranged for some rather novel and ingenious modes of entertainment for Senior Week.

There's that idea of chartering Commodore Dewey's old flagship or one of the Lynn ferries for the Senior picnic. This clearly demonstrates the humanitarian inclinations of the class officers.

Is this not a unique inspiration? It is expected that the Boston authorities will consent to the temporary re-

Lack Endurance in Contests Can Technology Continue to Meet First Class College Opponents?

Dr. John A. Rockwell '96

Part 2.

In the last issue, Dr. Rockwell described the problem which has confronted the Advisory Council on Athletics: Should the Council champion a policy of competing with the strongest teams in intercollegiate sports?

Walter Camp's advice on the matter is discussed by Dr. Rockwell in the following article:

"If you want to make men of those fellows, if you really want to keep their interest up, you must give them the stimulus which goes with intercollegiate contest. Never stop competing with the strongest teams, because in life it is of the greatest advantage to the individual to be able to face like a man the small end of a contest—time after time, if the circumstances make it unavoidable," advised Mr Camp.

"But what do you consider the effect of such contests on the interest of the team which is being constantly defeated," I inquired. The famous coach replied that any man likes to compete with teams owning the heritage and traditions of Yale, Princeton, and Harvard.

"Take Lickings"—Walter Camp "Win or lose," he answered, "the associations and educational advantages incident to such contests are invaluable." He emphasized also the moral advantages of contending in a sport with prescribed rules, the true

removal of the center span of the West Boston Bridge so as to spare the necessity of sawing off the masts on the rowboats to be used for the occasion. However, the majority of the Class will probably load their pockets with rocks (etc.), thus causing the boat to sink below the ice water line.

Enough has already been said on the subject of caps and gowns. The Lounger suspects that so many black gowns will be offered on the market cheap after graduation that the K. K. K. will be tempted to change their colors and take advantage of the bargains available.

Then that midnight tea-party at Walker with real cabarettish tables out under the stars will be a pretty sight. The Lounger suggests that the table lights be made the dance favors. They are so easy to get away with, anyway, and they make clever decorations for the celestial abode of any college graduate.

What matter if the occupants of the Dorms don't get to sleep? So long as the folks across the river haven't their musical talents corrupted by "that detestable jazz," everything is safe.

Lastly, we have the Endowment Fund. The Lounger has heard insurance policies characterized as "die-to-win schemes," but so long as it's the Institute that wins—whether you die or not—he is satisfied.

Here is where the Class is showing its generosity and spirit. Not in giving the money. But in submitting unresistingly to another physical examination for the insurance agencies. The latter apparently wouldn't recognize the records of the Mil Science Department. Yes, this is the hard part of it.

The Lounger is wondering who will be the scientist to compare the data of the two examinations,—one taken during the first, and the other at the end of the last year at Tech. The result will no doubt be the disclosure that we have all developed physically to be veritable giants, while our minds have undergone a process of degeneration and we are all headed for such places as Danvers, or Morris Plains, if you come from New Jersey

PLAY DIRECTORY

- COLONIAL: "Minnie An' Me." Mitzi. Natural and Supernatural. SHUBERT: "Bombo." Al Jolson in a new jumble of his, by him, for him. COPLEY: "The Lucky One." A. A. Milne's psychological play of family life. PLYMOUTH: "The Monster." Joseph Gaites presents a new mystery play. WILBUR: "Sun Showers." Musical comedy foolishness but good enough to be worthy successor to Helen Hayes. MAJESTIC: "Moscow Art Theatre." Gorky and Tolstoy. Really worth while. HOLLIS: "Lightnin'." One flash has captured this put sizzle of drama. SELWYN: "The Fool." Like lots of fools it finds Boston a good place. TREMONT: "Molly Darling." Boston papers call it a revival—but not religious.

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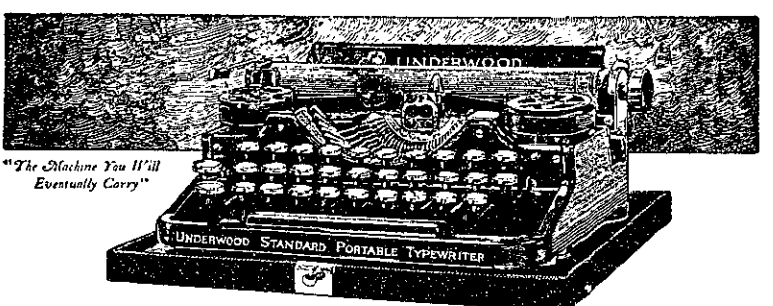
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