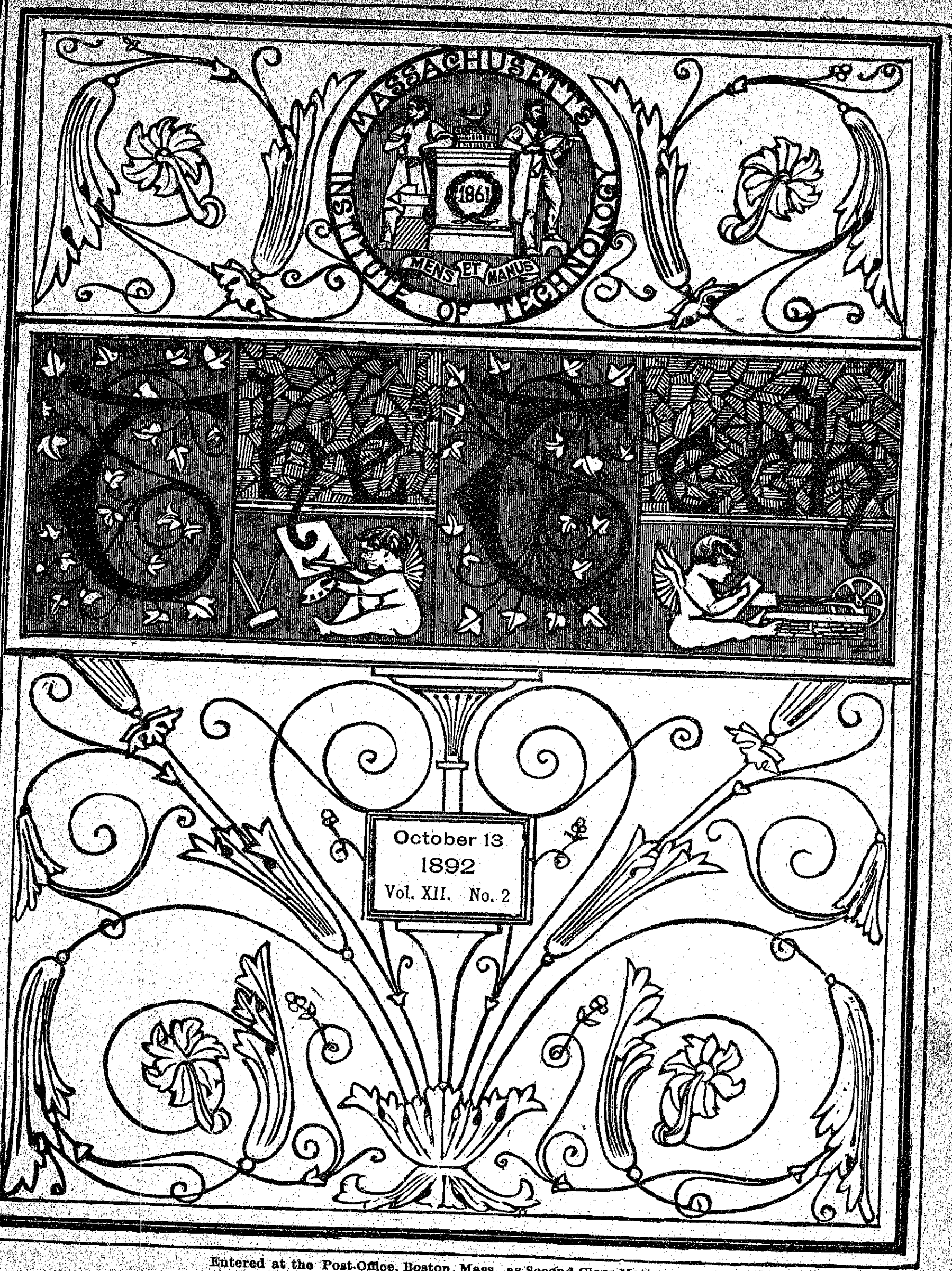




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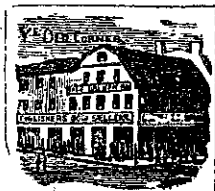
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WITH the season of torches and red fire now fully opened, and the preparations for Tech's share in the festivities well under way, it may be of interest to our political enthusiasts to call

attention for a moment to the Technology parades of '84 and '88. Permanent records of these are to be found in *TECHS* of the day, and in the "Techniques" of '87 and '90, and there are many with us who will easily recall the events of at least the latter of the two. As is to be the case this year, both of these preceding parades were Republican, and represented Technology as a whole. In 1884 there were ten companies,—one from '85, two from '86, three from '87, and four from '88,—commanded

by Col. Charles R. Richards, '85, the other officers comprising, outside of company officers, a lieutenant-colonel, two majors, the adjutant, two surgeons, a quartermaster, paymaster, and chaplain. In 1888 we find the same complement of officers, with the addition of one major and five aids, while fourteen companies were turned out. The colonel was J. P. B. Fiske, '89, but in his absence Hollis French, '89, commanded, while the only '92 man on the list was Allen French, who officiated as an aid. The order of procession was as follows: four barouches containing '88 men; wagonette; tallyho coach containing directors and editors of *THE TECH*; Colonel French and staff; fife, drum, and bugle corps; Class of '89; Vocophone Band; Class of '90; '91 tallyho coach; Class of '91; M. I. T. Fife and Drum Corps; Class of '92. The uniform was cap and gown, in a judicious mixture of cardinal and gray. Passing over the events of the march, which, including the polite affair with Harvard, can be much better told by the many eyewitnesses we have among us, we will only say that the procession was a most brilliant affair and a decided success. Aside from any political standpoint, we see no reason to anticipate a different result this year, and with the advantage of experience and superiority in numbers, may fairly expect to even eclipse our predecessors. *THE TECH* hopes that every man not hampered by political scruples will take great interest in the Republican torchlight parade of 1892, and be prepared to do his part toward its success, that it may be said of us in this as in other things, that what we did we did well.

THE selection of class officers by the Class of '93 is worthy of the highest commendation. Mr. Bemis has made an enviable

record as an impartial, dignified, and efficient presiding officer during the past year, and his re-election came as a deserved tribute to his popularity and success. Mr. Dillon has, since '93 entered the Institute, been identified with every movement to promote its welfare as a class; while Mr. Houck is a worthy representative of that most powerful body, the Civils. Before many weeks '93 will make the equally important choice of Class Day officers, and we have reason to believe that it will then, as now, have sustained its reputation for placing representative men at the head of its affairs.

WE congratulate '96, in the beginning of its official career as a class, on the interest manifested in organization and in the general conduction of affairs. The first official gathering of a Freshman class is too apt to be a Quaker meeting, easily controlled by two or three leading spirits. In this case, however, the class erred rather on the other side; but, apart from some unnecessary triviality and an unfortunate choice of temporary President, we have nothing but commendation. As an organized class, then, '96, accept our congratulations and belief that your permanent organization will be successful.

AS we go to press the news reaches us that the Executive Committee of the Republican Club has met and distributed the chief offices of the approaching parade. We hope this action will impress upon all the necessity of the speedy organization of the college. The torchlight parade is to be an Institute affair, under the auspices of the Republican Club. A mass meeting should now be called, and the final selection of officers made by the students at that meeting; not by any minority of men, no matter with what organization they may be connected.

TECHNOLOGY opens the football season of 1892 as an independent, if one may be allowed to use the term, and it must be apparent to the most superficial observer that upon our success at the game this fall depends the future existence of our 'Varsity eleven. For that reason, if for no other, it behooves each and every one among us to extend a generous and hearty support to that branch of athletics which has brought us the most honor and satisfaction.

It is true that Technology's standing among the colleges that form the Football League we have hitherto been one of, has fallen to a comparatively low level of late years, but we cannot think that this is due to circumstances beyond our control, as many seem to believe. With the support that should be given our football team, there is no apparent reason why it should not pass through many and many another successful season. And by support, we mean to draw no distinction between the different forms. It should be manifested by subscriptions, by active individual effort to obtain a place on the eleven, and equally as well by attendance at the games.

It will be no honor to us if we allow football to languish and finally die out among us merely for the lack of the practice grounds we were once able to avail ourselves of. It will be a disgrace indeed if it is allowed to appear that Technology, whose colors have so proudly adorned the winner on many a hard-fought field, should refuse to throw her whole energy into the effort to plant those colors once again where they belong; where they were always looked for not so very long ago.

What reason can be given for the poor showing that has disgraced our name and fame of late! Merely the woefully timid one that we must now play our games at a field a few blocks farther off than of old. For that is what the pretext of "no grounds" is reduced to when weighed at its true worth.

Is college spirit sunk so low among us thousand that we can refuse to put forth the

slightest effort to maintain a proud position so valiantly won, and long so valiantly defended? A hardy band of two score men is fighting as grand a fight as can be fought, to plant again the gray and crimson where they have heretofore always waved,—above a body of men who were glad to give all that was in them for an honest cause. Are a thousand others who can assert their privilege so to prove themselves, to stand aside and see their colors dragged in the dust? Are there no men among us all to step forward and claim that privilege as a right!

Come! Show that Technology still numbers among her sons some who have the stuff within them that goes to make a man; for we say that there is no excuse in reason that could permit the shameful, shameless lack of college spirit that seems to pervade the very souls of most of us.

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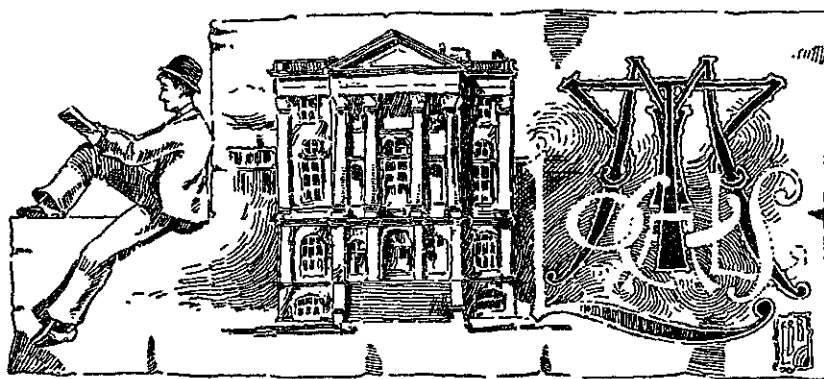
TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

I want to bring up once more the same old grievance; namely, the distribution of the morning mail at the Institute. For the last three mornings the mail has not been given to Miss Bassett from the office until a few minutes before nine, and then it is clearly impossible for her to sort it, and attend to the checking besides.

Cannot (1) either the mail be given her earlier, so that she could distribute it before the rush begins? or else (2), if this is impossible, somebody be found to help her? Institute men ought to be able to secure their mail from the boxes by ten minutes of nine at latest, and not be obliged to wait until one o'clock before obtaining their "morning correspondence."

Yours truly,

R. W., '93.



"Who mentioned theses?" The Special.

The Freshmen are still buying umbrellas at the cage.

It is officially stated that Mr. C. G. Williams, '95, is still with us.

The Seniors are beginning to seek their heads of departments on the subject of theses.

Mr. W., '93 (shaking hands with the professor of history): "Am glad to see you, sir."

Professor: "What! you back!"

Hammer and Tongs held its first regular meeting and dinner of the year at the Parker House, last Saturday evening.

J. W. Tarbox, '94, has left Technology to enter Harvard, '95. We believe that no comment upon his action is necessary.

The hale old Freshman joke is still enjoying vigorous health, and gives promise of a large and flourishing offspring before the close of the term.

The M. E. Society has not as yet made any effort to collect its scattered members, but as the president is back, they will probably be heard from before long.

The inclemency of the weather delayed the opening of the tennis courts last week. Particulars of the tournament to be begun next Saturday, will be found posted in Rogers corridor.

Ninety-five has begun to organize their team in dead earnest. Leber, Coburn, Fuller, Clapp, Logan, Rockwell, Gilman, and Geiger were on the field several afternoons this week, and practice will put them in a position to play a good game.

We would like to contradict the report that one of the professors in Course II. has contemplated publishing a book of three volumes containing the *errata* of his works. The errors will be explained in the classroom, as has always been the custom.

Scene: A Sophomore room. Time, 10.30 P. M. W—fe dozing over a book. W—s making out monthly statement for home.

W—s: "What shall I put down for the pipe and tobacco?"

W—fe (drowsily): "O, call them drawing materials."

Mr. Godfrey Morse has decided to let suites in St. Botolph Hall by the term instead of by the year, as heretofore proposed; which action will bring desirable quarters within the reach of many more students, especially in the Senior Class. Particulars may be had of F. H. Howland, '93.

We were grieved to see that *Red and Blue*, could not find a better poem to publish as their own than the small verse which appeared in our "Clippings of College Verse" in our last issue, and also would beg leave to ask that our readers excuse our "Clipping editor" for not recognizing home talent.

We regret that the first edition of THE TECH was too small to supply the demand. It gives us great pleasure, however, to note the interest taken by the students, and feel confident at last that we shall receive their hearty and unanimous support. We hope the present edition will be amply large enough.

All desiring to take lessons in boxing should apply to Professor Whitehouse, as a class will soon be formed. Private lessons will be given on application. This sport is one which every one who can should take advantage of. It teaches the student many valuable points which cannot be had elsewhere, be-

sides affording him a large amount of exercise in a comparatively short time.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Republican Club was held in Room 20, Rogers, Thursday afternoon, President Speer in the chair. It was decided to appoint a chief marshal, as well as one from each of the classes. The following men were chosen: J. R. Speer, chief marshal; for '93, H. A. Richmond; for '94, R. Sturgis; for '95, E. Leber; for '96, A. E. Brown. It was deemed advisable to complete the company organization as soon as possible, and class meetings will be called by the marshals for this purpose at an early date. The subject of uniforms was discussed, and they will be decided upon as soon as possible.

The Freshmen assembled in Huntington Hall, Monday, October 3d, to organize by the election of temporary officers. After some preliminary discussion, several candidates were nominated for temporary president. They were seated upon the stage in various embarrassed attitudes, and after a close vote Mr. Howe, formerly a member of '95, was declared elected. Mr. Bates was elected temporary Vice President, and Mr. Franklin, Secretary and Treasurer. General Walker found it necessary, we regret to state, to interfere to purge the meeting of an undesirable element from '95, and '96 thereby enjoyed unwonted harmony in its first assemblage as a Freshman class.

The Freshmen held a meeting in 11 Rogers on Wednesday afternoon, primarily to take action on class football matters. Acting President Howe addressed the meeting on the subject of a football captain, and it was finally decided not to elect a permanent captain at present. Mr. Beers was then nominated, and unanimously elected temporary captain for two weeks. It was further decided to elect a temporary business manager for the same length of time. Mr. F. H. Crosby and Mr. Fiske were nominated for the office, the former being

elected. A motion was then made and carried that the president appoint a committee of three to draw up a class constitution. Mr. Howe appointed Messrs. Anderson, Hyde, and Mead. Messrs. Anderson and Mead declined to serve, and Messrs. Rosengarten and Bartow were named. The committee was instructed to report in one week. It was next voted to have a committee of four appointed to act with the class officers as an executive committee until the election of permanent officers, and the chair chose Messrs. Anderson, Hurd, Ames, and Mead. Adjourned.

Lieutenant Hawthorne now proposes to have the drum corps replaced by buglers. If possible, commands will be given by bugle call. He also hopes to have the hours for drill increased, and in the spring hopes to devote one afternoon per week to outdoor field maneuvers, covering ground that even the militia fail to understand. In connection with the battalion, the Lieutenant proposes a rifle corps, to be composed of the best shots in the Institute. This corps will have regular practice in the shooting gallery and at a range; and later, matches can be arranged with existing militia corps. Naturally there would be a small charge upon the members of the corps for hiring the gallery and range, and for shells, reloading, etc. Guns will not be sent by the U. S. Government until the exact number of the battalion is ascertained. This precludes the possibility of a semiannual drill, though it is probable that Lieutenant Hawthorne will abolish all exhibition drills. The Sophomores will continue to help the Lieutenant with the battalion till the end of October. A month or so later a competitive examination, oral or written, as the Lieutenant shall decide, will do much toward determining the permanent officers from the Freshman class. Chevrons will indicate the rank,—four for Captain, three for Lieutenant (only one grade), two for Sergeant, and one for Corporal. The uniform will be made at Oak Hall.



There has been no meeting of the Athletic Club as yet, but the general meeting of the Club which takes place every fall will soon be held. All of the Executive Committee have returned, with the exception of Payne, '93, who was treasurer. An election will be necessary to fill his place, and also one from the Class of '96, to represent the Freshmen.

For the benefit of those in the Freshman Class we will say that only life members in the M. I. T. A. C. can hold office, and also only those who belong to the Club can vote. Voting for representatives from the different classes is not done by the members in general, but only by those who are members of the Club and of the class from which the representative comes. Consequently we would say everybody should join the Athletic Club as soon as possible. There are three sets of games every year, and sometimes four or five, to go to each of which would cost half a dollar unless one is a member of the Club. Life membership tickets are sold for five dollars; a very reasonable price considering the privileges.

The annual national championships of the Amateur Athletic Union were held in New York, and were the most successful set of games of their kind ever held. All of the performances were good, and some were wonderful. There was a strong wind in favor of the athletes, which made the time good; but owing to the fact of this wind, any record made under the circumstances could not be allowed. The best performance of the day was that of Puffer, of the N. J. A. C., who ran the high hurdles in $15\frac{3}{5}$ seconds.

Even though the wind had not helped him, the record would not have been allowed, as he knocked down many of the flights. Only two men from New England were placed at the championship, and one of them was C. D. Heywood, '93, who won third in the running high jump.

The Charlesbank is in active operation, and will remain open for several weeks yet. There has not been much going on there lately, as most of the outdoor games have been held.

Instead of the sparring and wrestling meeting, open only to M. I. T., there will probably be held an open sparring meet, in which there will be events open only to Technology. This would be more interesting to the spectators, and besides answering the purposes of the closed meeting, would be more profitable financially to the Athletic Club.

There are some prizes won at the last outdoor class championship games which have never been called for. They are as follows, and may be had at THE TECH office any Friday at 1 P. M.: F. H. Harvey, first prize in the hammer; F. A. Sargent, first in the mile run; G. Owen, 3d, first in the two-mile bicycle; E. L. Andrews, second in the twenty hurdles; and J. Aiken, second in the running high jump.

Following is the list of Harvard football games:—

Saturday, October 15th, Williams at Cambridge.
 Saturday, October 22d, B. A. A. at Cambridge.
 Wednesday, October 26th, Chicago A. C. at Cambridge.
 Saturday, October 29th, Amherst at Cambridge.
 Saturday, November 5th, Cornell at Springfield.
 Saturday, November 12th, B. A. A. at Cambridge.
 Saturday, November 19th, Yale at Springfield.

There will also be games every Wednesday at Cambridge; but some of them are not yet arranged.

Following is the schedule of games arranged by the manager of the M. I. T. Football Association:—

Saturday, October 8th. Tech., 42; Holy Cross, 0.
 Wednesday, October 12th. Boston Athletic Association at Boston.

Saturday, October 15th. Amherst at Amherst.

Wednesday, October 19th. Exeter at Boston.

Thursday, October 20th. Holy Cross at Worcester.

Saturday, October 22d. Trinity at Boston.

Wednesday, October 26th. Brown at Providence.

Saturday, October 29th. Exeter at Exeter.

Wednesday, November 2d. Andover at Andover.

Saturday, November 5th. Amherst at Boston.

Wednesday, November 9th. Brown at Boston.

Saturday, November 12th. Cornell at Ithaca, N. Y.

The above games are subject to change, and a notice will be placed in all the buildings should any change be made.

WHEREAS: The Class of 1893 of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has recently lost by death one of its respected members, George McKenzie Mitchell, be it

Resolved, That we desire to express the high esteem in which we held our late classmate, and the deep sorrow which we feel for his loss; that we desire to extend our sympathy to his family in their bereavement. And be it further

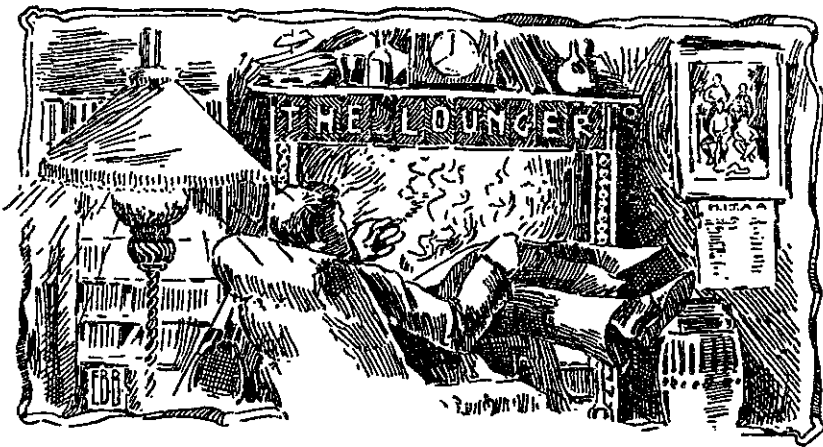
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and also published in THE TECH.

MARVINE GORHAM,
 CECIL E. PAINE,
 GEORGE H. T. LANE,

For the Class.

The following men from '95 are assisting Lieutenant Hawthorne by instructing the Freshmen in Battalion Drill: Tillinghast, Huxley, Hayden, Meserve, Jones, Kotzschmar, Taft, Williams, Geiger, Rhodes, and Blodgett.

Demond, '93, popularly known as "the question mark," had his hand cut quite badly in the mining lab. the other day. There was a question in his mind at the time whether he was doing the proper thing or not, but he did not stop to consider the result.



HAVE the readers of THE TECH ever been in that condition, physically and mentally, when they don't care what becomes of them? when everything seems to be working against them, and life would indeed be unbearable if it were not for one or two green spots which lie in their pathway? The Lounger can't help but think that each and every one has felt that way some time in his life, and therefore he appeals to the public at large to grant him all the excuses which they can spare, and still be prepared to give him a few extra ones if the first installment is not sufficient.

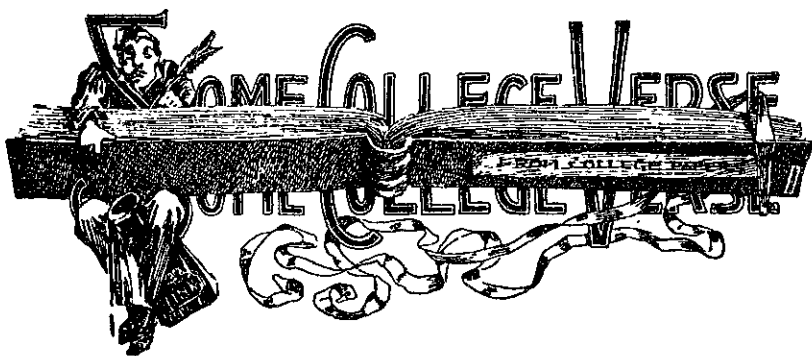
Who has not gone direct from this feeling of utter dejection to the state of the ever-ubiquitous stage manager,—that pitiable state of a good “grouch”? (The Lounger knows this word is not used by the most refined authors; but he lays aside for the time all of his more refined feelings, and gives way to the power of the arch fiend who would haunt him, and make his hitherto particularly placid life a scene of mighty chaos.) No doubt some of you have, while reading this, tried to guess the reason of this unusual state of affairs in a mind wherein, up to the present time, reason and moderation have, as a rule, prevailed.

To use the Irishman's expression, “Whisper till I tell you,” will give you an idea what it is all about, provided it is strictly *entre-nous*. The fact is, the Lounger thinks he has been imposed upon. The Editor-in-Chief thinks the Lounger doesn't understand the use of that word in its true sense, and the readers of THE TECH don't know or care anything about it at all. That is why the Lounger is filling up his two good “all wool and a yard wide” columns in this issue thusly. He has a “grouch,” and wants everybody to know it. The Editor-in-Chief gets all of the sympathy anyhow, because his name comes first on the page; but the Lounger doesn't care, because there isn't anything to care about. To begin with, the Lounger has almost come to the conclusion that perhaps it was better that some of his last work was not

accepted, because it might have brought reproach on his untarnished reputation. Yes, the Editor-in-Chief is a pretty good fellow, and he did the best thing he could do. The Lounger thinks that if it were only to be polite, he would publish a reconciliation between yours truly and the other party; but he will proceed to show by his actions how repentant he is, and write nothing in the future about ballet girls and—oh! everyone knows the strain that the Lounger has in mind.

But to think that, after all, the powers that be had no such cause to refuse to print what they did. They refused on the grounds that all of the dogs on the street would drop dead, and the subscription list would fall off rapidly, if that piece of work had gone in. Well, the Lounger doesn't mind just referring to what it really was about, to let the people who read it judge for themselves. Who could find fault with the facts written on paper (no matter how poorly they were expressed) that the Freshmen were *green*? Is that so old a chestnut? Well! suppose it is; the Lounger repeats it. Freshmen are green, but they do in time get over it, although ever since the Lounger has been at the Institute some people still think him green enough every year to take him for a Freshman. But still, the Freshmen have the advantage, which this condemned article went on to enlarge upon, in that they can be initiated into the Bursar's banking system. The bird will learn to know their names. They will have the honor to receive notices from the Faculty. And last, but not least, the janitor will take them into his confidences, and sell them paper at the rate of ten cents an inch.

Now, that was not such a bad attempt at being funny, and the Lounger cannot help but feel sorry that it was unappreciated; but he hopes that every one who reads those few lines about the Freshmen will recall to mind when he posed upon the Institute stage with the *green* lights playing upon him. At the time, we all felt very big every time any one even took enough notice of us to swindle and snub us. But Freshmen are not bad additions, after all. Who can tell but that some day one of the men who are in the Class of '96 to-day will at some future date be sitting in the Lounger's chair, smoking his old clay pipe and finding fault with the Editor-in-Chief? (The Lounger would like to add a postmark, and notify every one that the Freshman who asked a Professor what '96 meant after his name, will never in this world be able to fill the bill.)



REGISTERING.

Before.

Full darkly doth he frown, I note;
Ah me, what terror is in store?
My "credits" seem so passing small
I would I had not come at all.

A look so piercing and so cold,
The "credits" shrink to half their size.
Yon Senior jokes and laughs the while
In shockingly irreverent style.

After.

'Tis done, at last! Such shattered hopes!
"Four terms conditioned," saith my card.
I meekly bow to stern-eyed fate;
I would I were a Senior great.

—Unit.

HUMAN NATURE.

The spinster writes a set of rules
For "Keeping Baby Well";
The jay reporter earns five plunks
With "Hints on Being Swell."

—Lampoon.

TO SOME NEW BOOKS.

Books, with your lips yet dumb,
How strange to think you will be
Friends in the years to come,
An inseparable part of me.

—Unit.

A SAD AFFAIR.

In the spring he met a maiden.
Nothing very strange, I know;
But the summer found him flirting.
Ah! but she was pretty, though.

In the autumn, luck would have it,
That his wife discovered all.
And now he looks back sadly
At his state before the fall.

—Williams Weekly.

SOLID COUPLE.

We walked together in the wood,
We wandered far and wide;
About the same in class we stood,—
We flunked there side by side.

—Unit.

NO WONDER.

No wonder at the thoughts of war
Our feelings are made sick,
When brought to send their death afar
The cannons even kick.

No wonder that the sea is rough,
And waves so lofty break,
Since every ship that sails across
Tries many knots to make.

No wonder artists have good taste,
And they enjoy their plenty;
For every artist has, I know,
Of palettes well-nigh twenty.

—Yellow and Blue.

THE POINT.

"Well, that sticks me," the Preplet said,
And looked perplexed within.
"What, that subjunctive?" asked the Prof.
"No," said the Prep.; "this pin."

—Oberlin Review.

RENOI.

Hark! hark! they're on a lark;
Collegians have come to town;
Some with bags, and some with "jags,"
But none in cap and gown.

—Brunonian.

There was a young man from Lenore,
Who wished his sad life were o'er;
So he joined an eleven
And went straight to heaven,
And bucked through St. P. at the door.

—Bodwin Orient.

THE MER-KING'S DAUGHTER.

The mermaid high on the crested wave
Sings a song, now high, now low.
Wild is its pathos; she seems to rave;
Plaintive the song and full of woe.
Loud is the song, wild, wild its tune;
Clouds skim over the fitful moon.

She lashes the water with her tail,
Oh, voluptuous is the sight!
Her limbs all clothed in burning mail,
Outshining the moon so bright.
Then ceasing her song she parts the foam,
And dives deep down to her coral home.

What did the mer-king's daughter see,
As the ospreys paused to watch her dive,
Slanting their broad wings wonderingly?
Paused in the deep all things alive,
As up from the depths 'neath the ken of man
The sea-maid bore—a tomato can!

—Lampoon.



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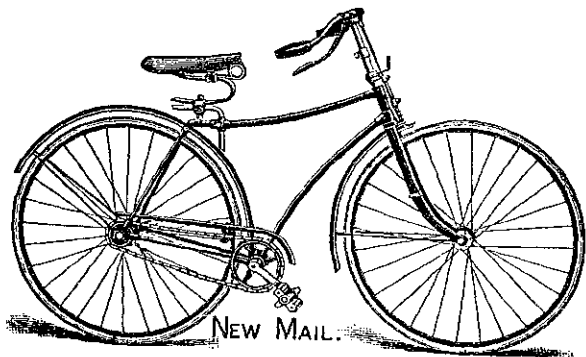
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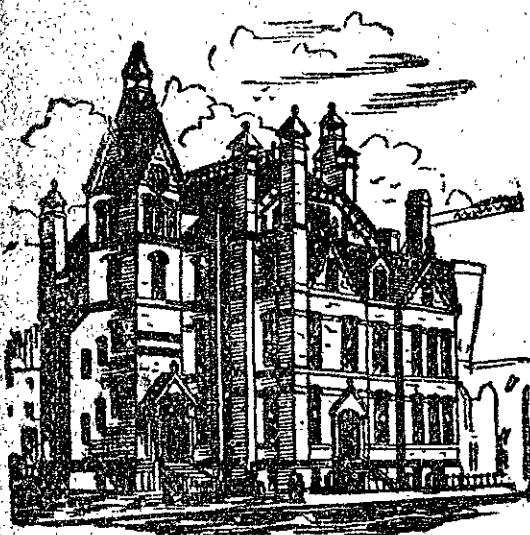
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