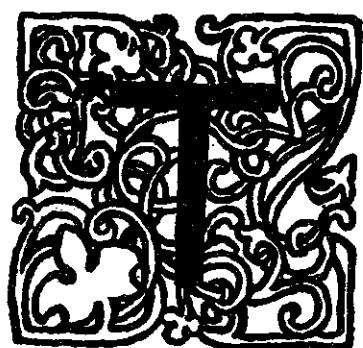




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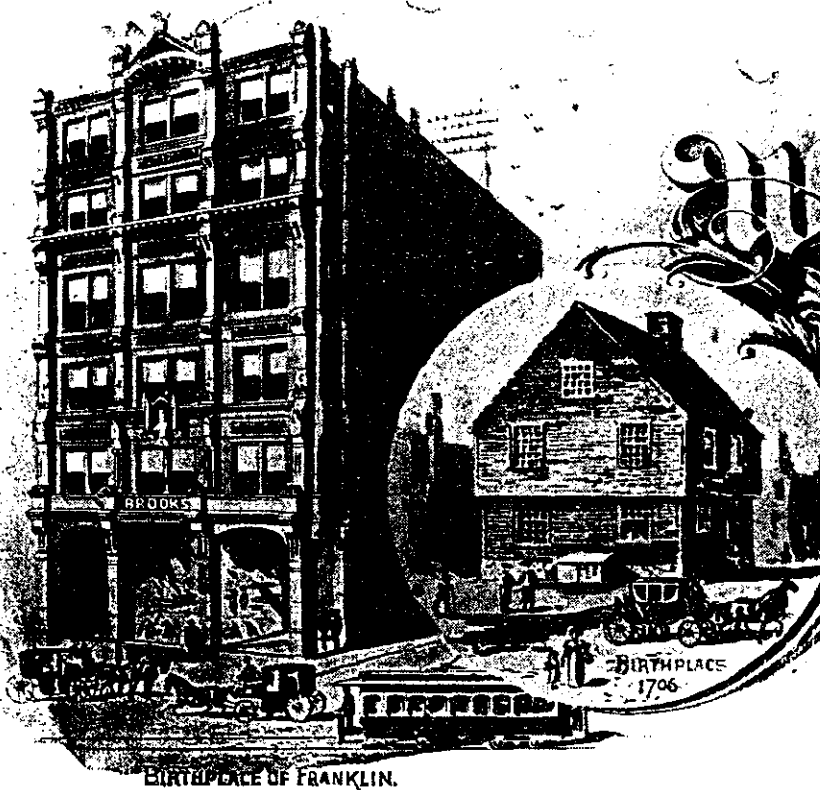
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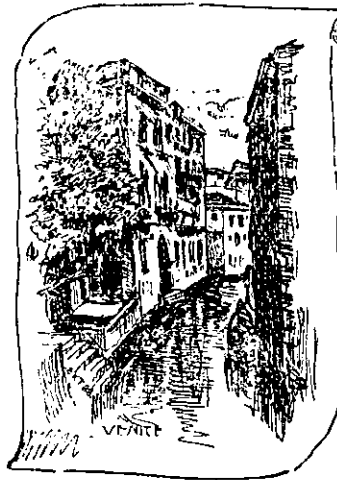
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BY petitioning the Faculty and Corporation, the Institute Committee hope to bring forward the demand for better gymnasium equipment with more force than is in any other way possible. It was thought that for some time the student body has heartily supported the reform movement which had its origin in the appointment, last fall, of a committee to investigate the subject of Physical Training at the Institute. The present petition has afforded the first real proof of the undergraduate feeling on the matter, and shows conclusively that the students are almost unanimously in sympathy with the movement. The petition asks for only those things which seem essential, and which might reasonably be demanded by the students of a college of far less importance than the Insti-

tute. At most colleges regular gymnasium work is prescribed; at Tech. we hope it will, at least, be encouraged by an improved gymnasium.



THERE is a prevailing impression that men at the Institute are worked so hard that they can find time for nothing but study. It is true, the courses are more severe than at other similar institutions, but students are not held in such cast-iron bonds as is generally supposed.

The dominant influence at Tech. is, of course, one of study, but, unfortunately, it has a tendency to make a man feel that he has not time for even a moderate amount of relaxation. If he devotes himself exclusively to his books, he will find his interest in everything else to lag. He graduates high in scholarship, but selfish and narrow minded in the extreme, and utterly devoid of sympathy with his fellow-men.

On the other hand, the man who takes an active interest in what is going on about him may not acquire as much technical knowledge as the grind, but at the end of his four years he will have absorbed a good deal of practical knowledge, kept in touch with the world in general, and, best of all, he will have won that which is not to be found in books, and which, in after life, he will prize more than an infinite amount of knowledge,—the love and esteem of his associates.

Let us then be active in our own little sphere of life; attend the class meetings;

try for the athletic teams; yell for the "Red and Gray" whenever an opportunity offers. Let those who have literary ability write for THE TECH. In an institution like ours, where the training is almost entirely scientific, the practice of putting our thoughts on paper cannot help but be beneficial.

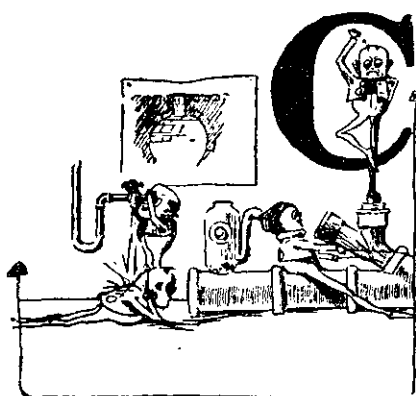
After all, a man's college education is not reckoned wholly in the number of "C's" he has to his credit on the Secretary's books. He should broaden himself along every possible line. At Tech. we do not have the college spirit and social diversions which most colleges possess. We should, therefore, take all the more active part in such branches of student life as are open to us, and endeavor to cultivate that love for Alma Mater, which is at present so woefully lacking.



THE wonderful growth, in both importance and membership, of L'Avenir since the beginning of last term is a good omen. It shows that the number of men who think that they have no time to take an interest in anything not purely technical is diminish-

ing. Many have now happily realized that the study of the language of a nation which has led the world in science, and which is universally acknowledged to possess the finest literature extant, is worth while not only as a valuable accessory in professional work, but for its own sake. Every year the Faculty lays more and more importance on the study of non-technical subjects; every year the value of such study is shown more and more fully. It would be wise for every student who is able to join a society like L'Avenir to do so, and be benefited by familiarizing himself

with a modern language, and by social intercourse with his fellow students.



CONSIDERABLE activity is being shown by the various alumni associations of the Institute scattered throughout the country. At the recent dinners of the Philadelphia, Boston, and Northwestern Associations, large numbers of the men attended, and interest is increasing in these gatherings. There is no reason why the graduates of the Institute should not be in close touch with each other and with the Institute itself; continuing their comradeships begun while struggling with the tabular view; meeting among the alumni as fine men as the country can produce; forming and continuing friendships profitable alike at home and in business; and standing close behind the undergraduates as being the coming alumni, as now passing through what the graduates, almost without exception, look back upon as the pleasantest years of their life. The lasting greatness of a college depends wholly on the greatness and quality of its graduates considered as a compact body; this, in turn, rests upon the individual ability, push, and qualities of leadership of each alumnus. The large universities of our day are famous in two ways: In the public eye, for prowess of the undergraduates in athletics and similar lines; and in the business world, for the number and standing of its graduates. The business standing of the Technology graduates is the very highest, and the natural purpose of the Institute is to raise that standard until it shall be unattainable by others. The experience and advice of the alumni is invaluable to the coming men, and there is not a graduate, nor one who has attended as a special,

who does not try to repay his debt to Alma Mater by giving his quota to insure her the full mead of success he so earnestly wishes her.

Extracts from the President's Report.

WHILE giving an account of the events of the school year since I assumed the duties of Chairman of the Faculty, Jan. 13, 1897, and those of the Presidency, Oct. 20, 1897, it is fitting to say that a new task has been rendered as little burdensome as possible by the custom of the Institution, since its foundation, to entrust many questions of regulation of studies and of policy to the initiative of the Faculty.

The members of different sections have always taken a leading part in shaping the growth of their departments, and a habit of hearty co-operation has grown up, which has stood us in good stead in our present emergency.

The maintenance of the total number of students may be considered as a proof of the confidence of the public in the permanent character of our Institution.

The entering class is this year 318. In the three preceding years the first-year classes were 332, 320, 320.

The proportion of students who are candidates for a degree has tended to increase slightly during the last few years, and after the elimination during the first year of those who are not qualified to remain in regular standing, the classes of the succeeding years maintain their strength, losing some of their members and recruiting others from the ranks of special students and from other colleges.

During next year, legacies, which do not yet appear as paid in the Treasurer's account, will allow us to put up in the spring the new building described in much detail in General Walker's report of last year, and the only shadow upon our great satisfaction is the thought that he could not live to see realized

what he speaks of as "the pleasant dream in which the Executive Committee and Faculty indulged themselves until rudely awakened by the impossibility of securing the necessary funds under the painful industrial and commercial conditions prevailing the past season."

Legacies and gifts: The payment of the Pierce bequest will not take place until the first of next year, but we have had a large accession to our funds during the current year. Fifty thousand dollars has been allotted to our Institute by the Trustees of the John W. and Belinda L. Randall Charities Corporation, with the condition that the sum shall be set apart and used in a manner commemorative of John W. and Belinda L. Randall.

Mrs. William B. Rogers has continued her welcome contribution to our library fund, presenting us with \$200 for the purchase of periodicals. Other friends of the Institute have contributed a total sum of \$925 for various purposes. The total number of accessions in the libraries is 3,743. Of these, 1,229 were obtained by purchase, 916 by binding periodicals and books received in parts, and 1,598 by gift. Deducting from the total accessions books counted twice, and books removed from the shelves or lost, the total net additions are found to be 2,974 volumes, 533 pamphlets, and 126 maps, making the grand total 3,633.

The catalogue of 1897-98 shows the number of instructors of all grades to be 132, inclusive of those concerned with the Mechanic Arts, but exclusive of those who are announced as lecturers for the year only. The addition of these raises the total to 158.

As stated in the last report, the scholarship resources of the Institute have been much increased by recent State legislation and by the bequest of Mrs. Ann White Vose. The available income at present amounts to more than \$14,000, of which \$8,000 is for State scholarships.

The Students' Co-operative Society has taken this year a larger development than ever before. This Society has not been mentioned in

former reports, and it deserves a short notice. Two supply rooms have been conducted by the Society, one in the Architectural Building and the other in the Engineering Building, both open daily during the term. Up to November 30th the total receipts of the Society had amounted to \$2,890.42, and it is estimated that the business for the year will exceed \$5,000.

The work of students belonging to the Y. M. C. Association, which was described in the last report, has been carried on with renewed energy this year. Fifteen hundred handbooks have been issued, so that each new student, or any one expecting to come to the Institute, is supplied with a guide to the headquarters of the Association, where he can obtain directions regarding lodging places, as well as information regarding school work, tabular views, recitations, etc. About one hundred students have been directed to lodgings, and care has been exercised in making inquiries about the houses which were recommended, and in keeping informed about them.

In his annual reports for 1894 and 1896, President Walker treated at considerable length the question of higher requirements for entrance, and gave strong reasons why no tasks should be imposed which should tend to raise the average of the age at which students are prepared to enter this school,—at present nearly nineteen years.

Our catalogue for this year announces the requirement, for 1898 and after, of one additional subject, which may be elected from among the following: Elementary Latin, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanical Drawing and Shopwork, additional French or German, English or History. It is hoped that the students will come to us with this added study completed within the above average limit of age. The question of additional requirements has been for a long time discussed by the Faculty, and the present requirement is expected to lead to various results of much interest.

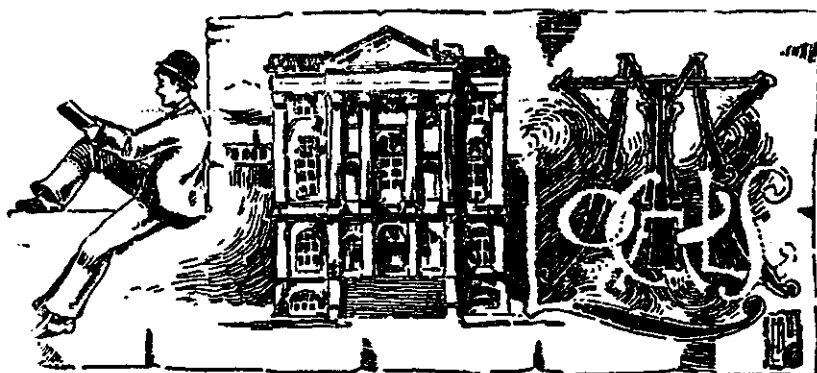
The summer school for field work in geodesy, topography, and hydraulics was held during the month of June at Machias, Me., the same place where the school of last year was held. This was the ninth summer school of the Civil Engineering Department. It is an optional course, open to the third-year students in Civil Engineering, enabling them to get valuable practice which they would not otherwise obtain. Eight students were in attendance this year, a smaller number than usual, but the weather was favorable, and the amount of work accomplished was larger than in the year previous. Instruction was given by Professors Burton, Porter, and Robbins, assisted by Mr. Henry E. Warren, a graduate of the Institute in the Class of '94, and Mr. George L. Hosmer, of the Class of '97.

The summer school of Architecture for this year was held in Quebec. Mr. Gardner, with a small party of students, spent three weeks in the town and its suburbs. It was the aim of the school to give the students practice in out-of-door sketching in pencil and water color, in preparation for a future European trip.

During the past year the Faculty, in accordance with its established policy of requiring that adequate attention be given by all Institute students to studies of a non-professional character, has had to supplement the instruction now given in such subjects by the introduction of courses of required reading to be done in the summer vacation, following the first and the second school years.

Tennis Association.

At the annual meeting of the Tennis Association the following men were elected officers: President, G. B. Street, '99; Vice President, H. O. Ayers, '99; Secretary and Treasurer, F. Badlam, 1900. The officers, H. H. Howe, 1900, and C. B. Gillson, '99, will compose the Executive Committee. A letter was received from the Corporation offering the space about Rogers for courts.



The Gun Club held a shoot last Saturday afternoon.

Some action in regard to a Class Dinner will be taken at the next meeting of the Sophomore Class.

One of the '99 long-distance men, R. W. Bailey, promises to be out on the Oval early this spring.

The manager of the Freshman baseball team has already arranged several dates and is trying to get more.

The petitions of the Institute Committee are being circulated. There are twelve copies, and every Institute student should sign it.

On last week ground was broken for the new building, in the space between Architectural Building and the Providence tracks.

On February 23d, the Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs gave a concert at Reading, Mass., to a very large and enthusiastic audience.

The M. I. T. Football team of '90 defeated that of Brown University 48-0, and were beaten by Harvard about 28-0 the following year.

The following men have been elected members of the Junior Promenade Committee: Babcock, Hamilton, Hammond, Holiday, Stebbins.

At a meeting of Hammer and Tongs, S. F. Jones, '98, presiding, D. C. Fenner, '98, was elected to membership, and the By-laws were slightly changed.

Mr. Buff, the senior member of the firm of Buff & Berger, gave a very excellent exhibition of civil engineering instruments, at the Institute last Tuesday.

At a recent meeting of L'Avenir, R. W. Bailey, '00, resigned from the office of secretary, and M. L. Sperry, '00, was elected to fill the office for the term.

The Seniors taking the locomotive option in Course II. are contemplating a trip to the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, under the direction of Professor Lanza.

The Hare and Hounds run from the Reservoir, Saturday, was very enjoyable. Twelve men ran over a six-mile course. Hares: Morse, '99, and Batcheller, '00. Time, 48 minutes.

The Juniors in Course XIII. are contemplating a trip to either Cramp's Ship Yard in Philadelphia, or else to the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me., under the direction of Professor Schwamb.

Last Thursday evening the Musical Clubs performed at East Weymouth. Immediately following the concert, the young ladies of the town gave the members of the Clubs an informal dance which all enjoyed greatly.

To-morrow evening the Institute Banjo and Mandolin Clubs are to assist the Girls' Glee Club of Boston University in a concert at Boston University. A reception will follow the concert at which our Glee Club will appear.

During the process of tearing down the buildings opposite the Engineering Building, the drawing rooms have been very well lighted on that side, but now that the Westminster Chambers seem to be an undisputed fact, the men will have recourse to electric lights again.

A pamphlet in memory of Francis Amasa Walker has just been issued by the Institute. It contains the resolutions of Corporation,

Faculty, and Society of Arts, also an account of the memorial exercises last fall. The frontispiece is a reproduction of a photograph of General Walker.

The following amendment to Art. IX., Sec. I., of the constitution of L'Avenir, will be proposed by M. L. Sperry at the next meeting of that society, and is now posted in Rogers corridor: Amend by striking out the words, "affiché au moins une semaine à l'avance," and insert in place thereof the words, "donné à la séance précédente."

At the annual meeting of the M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. the following men were elected officers for the coming year: President, C. M. Lewis, '99; Vice President, R. S. Blair, '00; Secretary, J. C. Campbell, '00. The Treasurer's report showed a very satisfactory financial condition, which looks toward a bright future for the Association.

During the vacation Strickland, '98, and Wadsworth, '98, made a survey for their Thesis work. The Fitchburg and the Boston & Maine cross each other, and a highway at the same point. The problem is the abolishment of the grade crossing. It will necessitate the erection of some plate girder bridges, retaining walls, and considerable excavation.

Owing to the efforts of Professor Van Daell, *L'Echo de la Semaine* (the French paper that has lately been founded in this city) may be obtained by M. I. T. students at the rate of \$1.50 instead of at the usual price of \$2.00 a year. All Tech. men wishing to subscribe should go to Professor Van Daell, who will give them notes to the editor of *L'Echo*, M. Jean de Peiffer, 175 Tremont Street, stating who they are.

At a meeting of the Institute Committee on February 23d, it was voted to circulate "blue books" to secure signatures to the petition drawn up by the Committee asking for several much-needed changes and improvements in the department of Physical Training at the

Institute. It was also voted to request that the present society bulletin boards now in use be replaced by a large, nine-panel board placed at the left of the door opening to the President's office.

Last Thursday the class in Industrial Chemistry, through the efforts of Dr. Thorpe, were taken over the Union Glass Works at Somerville. The entire process of making glassware was seen,—the manufacture of the pots in which the raw materials are fused, the blowing of the glass into various shapes, the marking of designs on the smooth glass, the rough grinding, the fine grinding, and finally the polishing of the finished cut glass. The exhibition of cut glass in the sample room was much admired. No little surprise was occasioned by the statement of prices at which the goods are sold at wholesale, as compared to the prices demanded by retail dealers.

Owing to the excitement following the '98 Class election, and the necessity of supplying the daily papers with full accounts and autobiographies, the Secretary of the class neglected to supply THE TECH with the official returns, which show the following men elected: First Marshal, G. R. Wadsworth; Second Marshal, Robert Allyn; Third Marshal, G. A. Hutchinson; Orator, E. F. Russ; Poet, T. E. Tallmadge; Statistician E. S., Chapin; Historian, L. D. Gardner; Prophet, J. S. Bleeker; Class Day Committee, L. A. Benninck, H. L. Bodwell, H. L. Coburn, H. R. Conklin, F. E. Coombs, H. Fisher, F. B. Perry, W. E. Putnam, Jr., S. M. Milliken, E. N. Taylor, F. H. Twombly, W. G. Zimmerman.

Thursday afternoon Professor Swain took his Course in Structures to Everett to inspect the N. E. Structural Works. The tour of the buildings began with a view of the drafting room, where designs were seen of iron work. Then they were shown the pattern shop, the templet room, the forges with some iron gates nearing completion, and the ma-

chine shop, where light work and assembling is done. The most important part of the work was then shown, *i. e.*, the cutting of large I beams, punching holes, riveting by compressed air, the assembling of the columns and plate girders; and, finally, their shipment by wagon or rail. An electric traveling crane facilitated the work, and was supplemented by swinging cranes for special work. After this inspection part of the party (with Professor Swain) visited the uncompleted portion of the Subway, and the remainder of the men were shown the operation of the Everett Rum Distillery Co. by the government official.

The Prom will be held on April 21, at either Pierce Hall or Copley Hall.

Junior Week will be from April 18th to the 23d inclusive, and The '99 Technique will be out at noon on April 22, in Rogers' Corridor.

The Executive Committee of the Class of '98 appointed the Portfolio Committee as follows: W. R. Strickland (Chairman), G. F. Ulmer, C. A. Bennink, H. L. Coburn, and H. Fiske.

At a meeting of the Junior Class, held on Monday, February 28, it was voted to hold the Junior Class dinner at Young's Hotel, on March 11, at 7.30 P. M. The following men were elected a committee on Junior Promenade: E. H. Hammond (Chairman), A. L. Hamilton, R. Stebbins, H. K. Babcock, Halliday. K. M. Blake is a member of the committee *ex-officio*.

We regret exceedingly our sad task in announcing the death of Miss Amy E. Phoenix, a special student at the Institute. Miss Phoenix died at the Boston Hospital last Friday, her death resulting from an operation for appendicitis.

Boston College Games.

AN enthusiastic audience filled Mechanics' Hall last Monday night, on the occasion of the Boston College Games. THE TECH section was well filled, and loudly cheered the Institute men. Although, aside from the relay team, but eight Tech. men were entered; these carried off four places. Bush, '99, won his heat, and ran third in the finals of both the 45-yard low hurdle and 40-yard dash novice. Baxter, '01, pulled third place in the running high jump. McMasters, '00, amid great enthusiasm from the Tech section, run the 440-yard handicap. Sears, '00, ran a pretty race in the mile, and would doubtless have pointed if he had sprinted soon enough.

The relay race with Dartmouth was very satisfactory. Tech. got the pole; Hall, '00, ran first and kept his lead, finishing about five yards ahead of his man. Dutton, '00, the next man, was rather weak at the corners, and Dartmouth passed him in the first lap. On the last lap, however, Dutton forged ahead and regained the five-yards lead set by Hall. Priest, '00, ran next, and was very steady, keeping his lead throughout. In the last lap Garrett, '01, gained a little more ground and finished ten yards ahead of his man. Time, 3 min. 17 sec.

"The Magistrate."

"THE MAGISTRATE," which the Walker Club has decided to present during Junior Week, is an original farce, in three acts, by A. W. Pinero, the celebrated English playwright. Next to "Sweet Lavender," "The Magistrate" is, perhaps, the most popular of Mr. Pinero's plays. It was first produced in London at the Royal Court Theatre, on March 21, 1885. Its success was immediate, and it had a run of over three hundred nights.

Among the prominent players who acted parts in "The Magistrate" was Mr. Beerbohm Tree.

It was first produced in this country in September, 1885, with Miss Ada Rehan and John Drew in the cast.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

The scheme for the election of Class-day officers and committee, as recommended by the Institute Committee and adopted by the Class of '98, can be made much more satisfactory by a slight alteration.

As it now stands, five or six of the best men of the class who are defeated candidates have no participation in the Class-day exercises. It is to obviate this evident weakness that the suggestion is made.

If all candidates for Class-day offices were allowed to be candidates for the Class-day Committee, also, it would not shut them out entirely, providing they received sufficient votes. A voter, then, who was a friend of both candidates could vote for one for the Class-day offices while he voted for the other for the Class-day Committee.

The necessary change in the Class-day scheme would be as follows:—

ARTICLE III.

SECT. 1. The Nominating Committee shall proceed as soon as possible to nominate candidates as follows: For Marshals, at least four; for Orator, Poet, Statistician, Historian, Prophet, at least two for each position; for Class-day Committee, at least eighteen. *All candidates for Class-day Offices shall be considered candidates for the Class-day Committee.* These nominations must be reported in writing to the Executive Committee of the Class, not more than three weeks from the election of the Committee (in this reckoning the period from the beginning of the semi-annual examinations to the beginning of the second term is not included). Eighteen shall constitute a quorum of the Nominating Committee.

SECT. 2. The nominations of the Committee shall be at once posted by the Executive Committee. Additional nominations may be made up till forty-eight hours before the time set for opening the poll on election day, each such additional nomination being signed by twenty-five members of the Class.

SECT. 3. No man shall be a candidate for more than one office, *except as herein provided for.*

LESTER D. GARDNER.



Correspondence solicited from all who have been connected with the Institute.

'86. Mr. E. C. Lufkin, Course II., is at present manager of The Snow Steam Pump Works, of New York.

'86. Mr. W. R. Ingalls, Course III., who last year opened an office as mining engineer and metallurgist, has moved his office to 887 Postal Telegraph building, New York City.

'90. At an informal gathering of the Class of '90, held at the studio of Mr. H. P. Spaulding, in the Pierce Building, Boston, on Thursday evening, January 13th, twenty-one members were present.

'91. Mr. Thos. M. Keene, Course I., is a member of the firm of Keene & Foster, Civil Engineers, of Tremont Building, Boston.

'92. Mr. John M. Colby, Jr., Course II., is at present with the New England Construction Company.

'92. Mr. Geo. E. Dadmun, A. B., Course II., has accepted the position of engineer and manager of the Philadelphia office of the New York firm of Chas. H. Davis, general consulting engineers.

'93. Mr. Edward D. Densmore, Course VI., has joined Mr. Le Clear in opening an office as consulting engineers at 7 Exchange Place, Boston.

'97. Mr. John A. Donovan, Course IX., is instructor in English and Algebra at the Lowell High School.

'97. Mr. Jay E. Tone, Course X., is the chief chemist for Tone Brothers, of Des Moines, Ia., and also is at the head of their extract and fruit-juice departments and laboratories.



The members of the Institute Committee are kept busy receiving signatures to their petition for improved gymnasium facilities.

The Indoor open handicap games will be held Friday evening, March 25th. A large entry list is expected, and the Institute should be well represented.

The annual business meeting of the Athletic Association will be held Tuesday, March 8th, at 1 P. M. Every member should be on hand promptly with his ticket.

It is fully time for an awakening of interest in baseball. Let us hope that there will not be the same backwardness in the Sophomore class as was shown in regard to football.

The alumni members of the Advisory Council have been elected, and the new board of Athletic Association officers will have the co-operation and assistance of the Council in the coming spring season.

The B. A. A. has offered to certain schools in the neighborhood of Boston the use of the club's boats and free instruction by Richard Glendon, the club's rowing instructor. If the schools take kindly to the plan, and a sufficient number of crews are rowing before June 17th, the Metropolitan Rowing Association will provide a special race for them in its regatta on the Charles River. A similar movement to organize an interscholastic rowing association has recently taken shape in New York.

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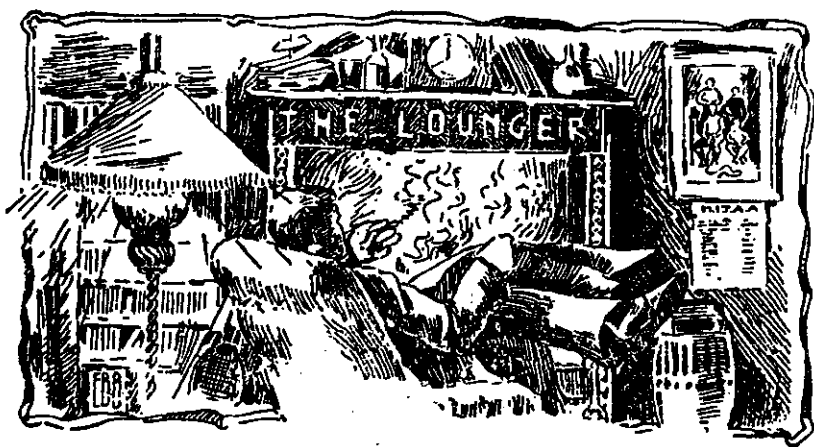
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THE Lounger was present last week at the breaking of earth for our new gymnasium, a very auspicious event considering the nature of the structure; for we have it upon good authority that it is to be an edifice in well-baked brick, designed upon the graceful and yielding lines of Engineering and Architectural. Indeed, we are told its proportions will be of an almost playful character, bearing, in fact, a wonderfully close resemblance to a soap, a starch, or a dry goods box. It is hardly necessary to observe that any one of these forms, of which we have already very pure examples at the Institute, would be almost equally desirable. Copley Square will be an ornament to it. The windows will be set in the most approved factory style, the whole giving the appearance of a moderately flourishing sausage manufactory. Following the well-defined precedent, it will be entirely without ornament within or without, it being clearly comprehended that any such effect would be an aid to Course IV. in examinations, and as such not to be tolerated. As to the idea of a gymnasium for girls (we should rather say Co-eds), it seems to be quite original with the administration. Co-eds are in the minority and therefore to be cared for with much tender anxiety, as a prudent man for his shekels, or a hen for her chickens. There are possibly eleven hundred men and eighty women, by liberal count of the latter, at the Institute. Clearly the women must be looked to, must be metaphorically patted upon the back. We will build straightway a gymnasium. Most of these women live out of town and return home immediately upon finishing their work for the day. Most of the men live in the city; therefore, also, do we build our gymnasium. Such is the clear and concise chain of reasoning by which we arrive at our soap box of a gymnasium. The Lounger has no stomach for such, but will pass it over to the Editor in Chief, hoping he may cast it in his most commodious receptacle for waste paper.

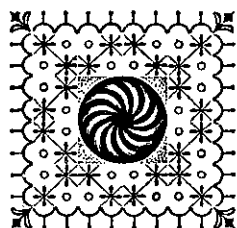
Or, mayhap, it will cheer the lusty orator of Course IX. in the idle hours between his morning and noon-day meal. Yet did we not expect to receive such a document from the height of a presidential office.

News of the roommates cited in a recent epistle is forthcoming. Early in the week the landlord wired dejectedly that there was yet no sign of them, and in another week he would dispose of their entire property (kerosene oil lamp) for rental to date. The case being serious, the Lounger himself took steps for their discovery with extraordinary and entirely unexpected results. On Tuesday he found the P. P. man dining *à deux* at the Porker House heavily disguised by a thick Tech. sweater, and on Wednesday, by a rare display of detective powers, he unlodged the F. S. man at the Tureen, where he is staying in the disguise of a multi-millionaire. Neither would be interviewed for publication. We await developments.

The Lounger is distressed to learn of the pitiable condition of the architectural department, arising from the unhealthy state of the atmosphere in the drawing rooms devoted to their leisure. This astonishing situation, it seems, has been brought about by the action of the authorities in closing the much-frequented library to the aforesaid students, beyond the very limited hours at which the gentlemen of Course IV. are supposed to labor. In consequence, the atmosphere in the crowded drawing rooms does customarily assume a beautiful bluish tint, from its rather free consumption by the justly exasperated occupants. The Lounger was not, until very recently, upon unconsciously venturing therein, made aware of the extraordinary profusion of "Latin" terms in the study of the profession. Yet, does it appear that these youthful sloths are not without example? For upon the occasion of the late banquet of the Architectural Society do we learn that the conversation was, as usual, almost entirely sustained in that language, even dignified professors seeing fit to embellish their discourse with many choice excerpts. Therefore is it not unnatural, when elders so disport, to find our innocent young friend, under the sting of enforced idleness, discoloring our lovely air with strange word out of their mouths. Yet do we commend them to our brothers of the Y. M. C. A.

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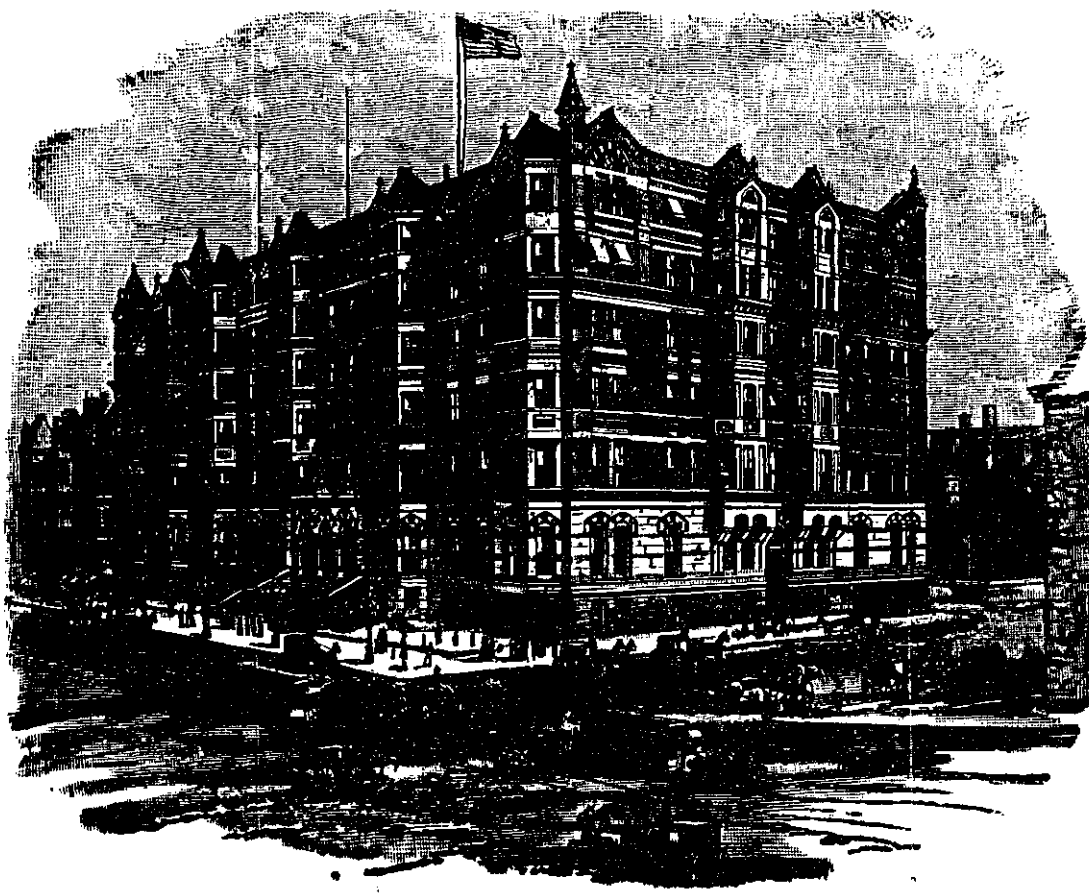
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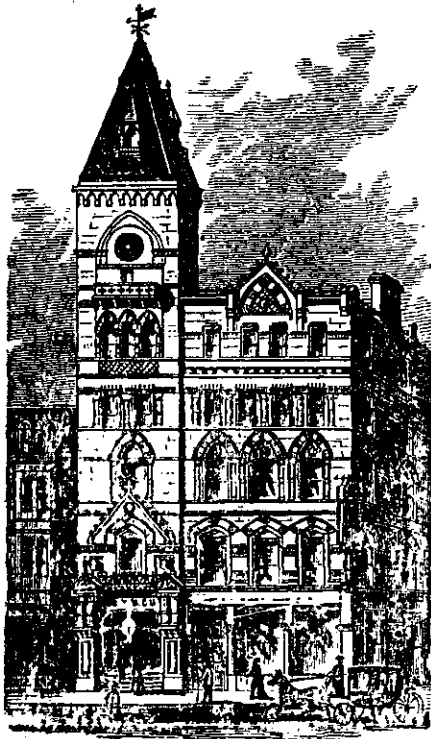
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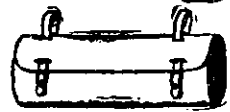
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