



After seeing several novels played on the stage it's a comfort to see a real play, even if second-rate, played. The dramatized story is usually rambling, inconsequent, uneven or dilatory in movement, and dependent largely upon previous acquaintance with the book. For a play that can stand substantially on its own feet—indeed it goes rather jovially on all fours—commend me to "Captain Barrington." It is distinctly melodramatic, has all the old stage tricks, such as mistaken identity between twin brothers, has as a prominent part General George Washington (who talks even more "long-tailed" than the real man wrote), and the characters are conventional; but it goes. There are many genuine surprises in its really ingenious plot; there is the indispensable love scene, there is a good deal of picturesque effectiveness in scenery and costume, and in the comic negro parts there is farce comedy so irresistibly well acted that it alone would almost make the play worth while.

The Truth about Tech House.

First and foremost, Tech House is not a mission. There is no religious teaching in the work that has been and is being planned for the coming winter, nor is Tech House connected with any society or organization of the Institute. It is distinctly an affair of the whole school, and for all Tech men to have a part in.

The work is largely educational in its nature. Classes in a great variety of subjects, including penmanship, drawing, lower mathematics and manual training have been organized among the boys and young men of the district. These classes are very popular, and there is not only ample opportunity for a large corps of instructors, but a great need as well. But any one who enters into the work must take with him, in addition to his knowledge of the subject he is to teach, sound common sense and broad-mindedness. An instructor must meet his men or boys on their own ground, and if he is to be

successful there can be nothing of a patronizing or condescending nature in his attitude toward them.

At the "smokers" and other social gatherings opportunity is offered for a lot of fellows to do good work, and as they will be amusing a wise audience, the entertainment will be as great on the one side as on the other.

No one should feel that the time he gives to this work is being wasted. If he is at all successful in gaining the confidence of his new acquaintances, he will soon learn their point of view, which, in the consideration of present day problems, is just as important as his own.

The educated man, the professional man of the generation now in college, is to be called upon to work out the ever-increasing problem of the relations of labor and capital. Men who, during their whole careers, are to be in intimate contact with wage-earners and labor unions on the one side, and with capital on the other, cannot be too well acquainted with the attitude of each toward the other.

1904 Class Dinner.

The Seniors held their first dinner of the season at Tech Union on the evening of Oct. 28. The results of their recent election of Class officers was there announced in a rather impressive and interesting manner.

Mr. P. M. Smith, who has been the president of the Class for the past year, called the gathering together and announced the election results. The retiring officers then formed an escort for the new president, Mr. W. E. Hadley, and the latter was conducted to the seat of honor amid great enthusiasm.

Among those who spoke during the evening were: L. G. Bouscaren, "The Honor System;" Geo. A. Curtis, captain of the varsity track team, "Athletics," and W. W. Cronin, "Departed Saints." Many of the Class officers, both retiring and newly elected, were called upon for short talks.

A cablegram containing the greetings of the Class was sent to President Pritchett, and the evening ended with the good old Tech songs.