

THE TECH

VOL. XXIII.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 12, 1903.

No. 6.

THE TECH

Published every Thursday, during the college year, by students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

GRAFTON B. PERKINS, 1905, *Editor-in-Chief*.

L. T. BUSHNELL, 1905, *Managing Editor*.

H. E. DARLING, 1906, *Secretary*.

WILLIAM GREEN, 1905.

J. DANIELS, 1905.

N. LOMBARD, 1905.

C. T. BARTLETT, 1906.

A. H. DONNEWALD, 1907.

C. H. GRAESSER, 1905, *Alumni Editor*.

MIGUEL AHUMADA, Jr., 1906, *Business Manager*.

OFFICE: 30 ROGERS, 491 BOYLSTON STREET.

Editor-in-Chief Monday, 12-1 P.M.

Business Manager Monday, 12-1 P.M.

For the benefit of students THE TECH will be pleased to answer all questions and obtain all possible information pertaining to any department of the College.

Contributions are requested from all undergraduates, alumni, and officers of instruction. No anonymous manuscript can be accepted.

All communications with the Alumni Department should be addressed to the Alumni Editor.

Subscription, \$1.00 per year, in advance. Single copies, 5 cts.

Entered in Post-office, Boston, Mass., as Second-class Matter.

Puritan Press, Boston.

CLEANED OUT.

FIELD Day, 1903, was not exciting. None of the contests were close enough to arouse any general interest, and 1906 secured the honor of being the first class to win all three contests with greatest ease. The trouncing which the Freshmen got was pathetic, but they are themselves to blame. The support given their teams both at and before Field Day was more wretched than that given by 1906. A small burst of enthusiasm following their dinner at the Union died away and a state of peace, not earned at the price of eternal vigilance, settled down over the newcomers. The few

men out for the teams worked manfully, but with a dormant class behind them their courage was low. The second half of the football game showed a plucky rally on the part of 1907, and had this sort of playing appeared at the first of the contest a touchdown might have eased the smart of the drubbing. Of course the track was wretched for running, and the snow on the west side made all but the most daring take that turn cautiously. At its best the narrow, unbanked path which the men were forced to use made passing a matter of pretty fine work, but no such arguments can hide the fact that 1906 pulled away and won by rods, not inches, though some of the laps were run with little or no change in the relative positions of the runners. The tug-of-war proved itself a farce; twenty-one seconds of good team work sufficed to pull 1907 over the line; the Freshmen did not seem to realize that things had started.

Looking at points other than the actual contest we find a mixture of encouraging and discouraging features. The students were kept off the field completely, not more than six or seven unauthorized persons reaching the inside of the track, and the small boy element was well in check. In spite of the rawness of the day, many girls were present, and the pitifully empty grand-stand had a good showing of "the other fellows' sisters." So far so good, but on the other hand the cheering was wretched and far from well handled; cheering during signals was prominent and only a few of the men on the bleachers entered into the yells, while nearly all of the work for 1907 was done by Juniors.