

early part of May. By this arrangement the Board was not at work until the very last days of the term and has been greatly handicapped ever since. The present Sophomores can make no mistake in arranging to have their committee chosen before the recess between terms. The process of choosing a Board is a long and tedious one and waiting will not help matters. An early start will avoid all rush and carelessness, and plenty of time may be devoted to picking the best men in the class to publish a book which will make *Technique 1906* better than all past books or the one which is to come, *Technique 1905*. Before the election every member of the class should carefully think over all the possible candidates and go to the election with the idea of electing only those who are sure to get out a good book.

Athletic Contest.

On Thursday afternoon before the holidays the second event of the athletic contest, putting the 16-pound shot, took place at the gymnasium. A very creditable number of the contestants tried for points in this event, for which there are usually so few entries. One point was given for each four inches over twenty-nine feet. The best scores were made by Curtis, '04, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$, and F. W. Barrows, '07, who had the same score. Paquet, '05, with 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ points, and Schonthal, '05, with 16, came next. The total scores after the second event were as follows: G. A. Curtis, '04, 26 $\frac{3}{4}$; J. C. Baker, '04, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$; F. W. Barrows, '07, 20 $\frac{3}{4}$; V. H. Paquet, '05, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$; D. C. Schonthal, '05, 16; R. D. Emerson, '05, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$; R. D. Farrington, '05, 12; Le B. Turner, '05, 7; W. C. Young, '06, 6; R. C. Albrow, '07, H. B. Conover, '07, G. D. Luther, '07, and C. R. Haynes, '04, each 5; J. J. Thomas, '07, E. P. Noyes, '07, W. S. Moore, '07, and B. Bullard, '07, each 3; F. W. Geist, '06, and J. Tetlow, '07, each 1.

Curtis, Barrows, Paquet, and Schonthal are all new men in this event, and out of the four, one or two good men should develop. The next event in the contest is the 35-yard dash, which will be held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 14, in the gymnasium.

Civil Engineering Society Smoker.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 17, the Civil Engineering Society held a Smoker at the Union. A large number of the members of the Society were present to enjoy a pleasant and profitable evening. Dean Burton gave a very interesting talk on the "1903 Summer School." He spoke of the advantages to a man who can attend the school during the summer following his second or third year, and then gave a brief description of the work done last year at East Machias, Maine, where the school was held. After refreshments were served the party broke up, every one voting this Smoker the most successful given this year.

General Convocation.

The usual Christmas Convocation was held on the Friday before the holidays in Huntington Hall. Dr. Pritchett spoke and first asked that a hearty support be given the musical clubs in their concert and dance that evening, and then extended a cordial invitation to all students unable to be at home to meet Mrs. Pritchett and himself at the Tech Union. In the body of his talk Dr. Pritchett spoke of the relation of technical men to politics. He refuted the idea that because a man was an engineer he should not concern himself with politics, but held on the contrary that it is the duty of every educated American to understand thoroughly the political questions before his country.

In Regard to the Show.

The competition for the management of this year's Show should be clearly understood to be open to all men in the Institute. The general manager for 1904 has practically been chosen and the work of selecting assistant managers will proceed rapidly. Men who wish for this position are expected to obtain advertising for the program, just as heelers for the business management of THE TECH solicit advertising. This item alone amounts to several hundred dollars and it furnishes an excellent test of ability and energy. The men who desire to try for the position are expected to give their names to the management immediately, as work must soon commence. For the position of stage manager it is probable that a new plan will be tried this year. The music and libretto is being worked up and the latter is now well along towards completion.