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CONVOCATION.

Professor Henry Van Dyke Speaks Upon Value of Lofty Purpose.

The first Convocation of the year was held in Huntington Hall, yesterday. As customarily, the hall was filled a half hour in advance, and by two o'clock the room was taxed to its utmost capacity. In a brief speech, President Pritchett introduced the speaker of the day, Dr. Van Dyke, Professor of English at Princeton University.

Dr. Van Dyke opened his address by reading that portion of the Biblical story of Daniel, which tells of Daniel's self-denial and consequent advancement. It was not the mere self-denial that was notable; the main point was the high purpose of Daniel and his companions. Men who have a purpose are those who win the victories of life. Thus the men who formed our country were victors; thus the men who saved the Union were victorious; thus is the President of our country a victor and leader, "a grand type of manhood." "The man who waits for something to turn up is pretty sure to be turned down."

The hypocrisy of vice is a form of cowardice, commented Dr. Van Dyke. Young men often like to pretend to have entered into vice, but such pretence is far weaker than a straight simplicity, a manly absence of all affectation. This boldness does not necessitate stubborn opposition to custom. It is wise to be content with whatever is good. Applying the principle practically to his hearers' lives, the speaker said: "Don't come here and try to change established customs, especially in your first year. Live with others in a friendly way, but when it comes to a matter of principle, be as firm as a rock."

Dr. Van Dyke closed with strong exhortations. "Have a high purpose, let men understand it, make everything in your life tend towards its fulfilment. If anything interferes, 'cut it out.' 'Go into training for manhood.'"

Dr. Van Dyke is well-known as a speaker and an author. He was a minister in New York City until 1900 (pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church), when he took up his present work at Princeton. He has been writing continuously for years, and is best known probably, as President Pritchett indicated in introducing him, for his earlier works, collections of essays entitled "Little Rivers" and "Fisherman's Luck."

A prominent characteristic of Dr. Van Dyke's books and speaking is a strong optimism, and it was noticeable throughout his address before the Convocation yesterday.

1909.—There will be a meeting of the 1909 Tug-of-War team in Huntington Hall today at 1 P.M. A full attendance is desired as final action will be taken on caps.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Dr. White's Third and Last Lecture on "Personal Hygiene."

An audience of about two hundred students heard the third of Dr. White's talks on "Personal Hygiene" in Huntington Hall, Wednesday afternoon. The subject of the talk was "Venereal Diseases." Leaving out the moral sides of the question, Dr. White emphasized strongly the danger of very serious physical results of promiscuous self-indulgence. By striking statistics he illustrated the prevalence of venereal disease. More particularly he spoke of the transmission by infection of gonorrhea and syphilis and explained the dreadful effects frequently resulting from these diseases. After speaking briefly of the duration and treatment of such diseases, Dr. White concluded his three talks on "Personal Hygiene" by thanking the students for their attention and he expressed the hope that his suggestions might prove helpful to them.

MISSOURI CLUB DINNER.

The Missouri Club held its first dinner of the year at the Tech Union, Wednesday evening. Three new men besides nine of the old members attended. The number of Missouri men at Technology this year totals over twenty-five.

L. G. Blodgett, '06, the retiring president of the club, acted as toast-master and after the dinner called a business meeting for the election of officers. J. B. Harlow, '07, the former secretary and treasurer, was elected president, while F. C. Jacobard, '07, was elected vice president, and M. B. Hall, '08, was made secretary and treasurer. A. W. Hertz, '06, and W. F. Dolke, '08, were appointed a committee to have shingles printed.

The club decided to hold its second annual western dinner at the Union some time before the Christmas holidays. In defining a Western man, it was voted that any man whose home is, or has been, west of the government division-line between eastern and central time, should be considered as being a Westerner, and as such, should be cordially invited to attend the western dinner.

CHESS CLUB MATCH.

The Technology Chess Club and the Dorchester Chess Club played a tie series at the Boston Chess Club last Tuesday evening. The score was:

TECHNOLOGY.	DORCHESTER.
Nelson, 0	Daley, 1
Henius, 1	Thaye, 0
Morey, 1	Peterson, 0
Barnett, ½	C. H. Foster, ½
Newton, 0	Durham, 1
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Total, 2½	Total, 2½

BASKET BALL TEAM.

Organization Has Finally Begun. First Practice Yesterday.

Over thirty men attended the basket ball meeting held on Nov. 22 in 22 Rogers. Manager Lyons explained the necessity of getting to work at once, as the first game comes with Boston University on Dec. 8. Owing to the delay in finishing the gymnasium the team has had no place to practice. Blake, captain of last year's team, urged all the men to come out and work hard. There are only three of last year's men back and everybody has a chance of making the team. There will be a second team with a regular schedule and Asst. Manager Belcher has already made arrangements for six games. The first practice was yesterday afternoon at 4.30 P.M.

MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

Some thirty men of the Mining Engineering Society attended the meeting which was held in 2 Rogers last Wednesday at 4.30 P.M. "Summer Work" was the subject of discussion and much information was brought out. H. C. Plummer, '06, spoke on his work in the Lake Superior Copper District and J. A. Root, '06, told about the Bisbee Arizona Copper Mines. Trauerman, '07, also told of his experience in a West Virginia Iron Mine.

The following men were elected to membership: H. J. C. Macdonald, '07; A. K. Adams, Sp.; L. Gordon, '08; R. Y. Kennard, '08; C. W. Keniston, '08; V. C. Grubnau, '08; M. C. Clark, '08; W. G. E. Barcus, '08; G. T. Bridgman, '08; W. R. Riley, '08; P. E. Fernald, '08; R. Munoz Zertuche, '08; U. S. Hammond, '08; P. R. Fanning, '08, and R. T. Regnell, '08. H. L. Williams was appointed chairman of the reception committee. Prof. Lodge, Dr. C. H. Warren and Prof. Locke were present as the guests of the society.

WALKER CLUB MEETING.

The Walker Club held a meeting in 44 Rogers yesterday afternoon at 4.30. Six men; C. Brewer, '07, M. H. Pease, '07, E. F. Whitney, '07, J. Evans, '07, E. W. James, '07, and H. R. Putnam, '08, were elected to membership. It was decided to hold the first dinner of the year on Friday, December 8, at the Technology Club, provided that the dining room could be obtained and the Secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements. Mr. Blackstein will be the guest of the evening and he will speak on foreign life as compared with life in this country.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE.

The Institute Committee held its first meeting of the term in 34 Rogers, Thursday at 1 P.M. The following officers were elected: President, M. A. Coe, '06; vice president, J. H. Leavell, '07; secretary and treasurer, H. A. Rapelye, '08.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

- 11.00 A.M. Intercollegiate Cross Country Race at New York.
 - 1.00 P.M. Freshman Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
 - 2.00 P.M. Course I and XI Excursion to Boston Bridge Works.
 - 2.00 P.M. Fourth Year Civil Engineer leave Eng. A on excursion
 - 8.00 P.M. Concert by Musical Clubs at North Attleboro.
- ### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
- 5.00 P.M. Entries for Handicap Cross Country Race close.
 - 8.00 P.M. Lowell Institute Lecture in Huntington Hall.

FACULTY NOTICES.

SECOND YEAR. — Beginning with the tenth week on Monday, Dec. 4, the Tuesday exercises in Descriptive Geometry will be transferred to Monday afternoon.

ACOUSTICS. — The lecture in Acoustics Courses VI and VIII will be next Monday afternoon, Nov. 27, instead of Tuesday morning. The change in Descriptive Geometry for Course VI will be postponed one week.

NOTICES.

1908 FLAGS. — There are a few 1908 flags left. These will be disposed of at cost. Leave your order or forty (40) cents at Cage, addressed to Tashjian, '07.

1908 RELAY TEAM. — Members of the team will leave their running shirts at the Cage for H. W. Hoole, so that the numerals may be put on them as soon as possible. The shirts should be plainly marked with the owner's name to ensure prompt delivery.

COURSES I AND XI. — An excursion to the Boston Bridge Works will be taken this afternoon by members of Courses I and XI. The party will meet in front of Engineering B. at 1.55 P.M., ready to leave promptly at 2 o'clock for East Cambridge.

EMPLOYMENT. — The Technology Y.M.C.A. Employment Bureau has a place open for a man to tend the furnace in return for his room-rent. The situation is near by. Application should be made immediately at the Technology Y.M.C.A. office in Eng. B.

CHURCH SERVICE. — The Central Church, Newbury and Berkeley Streets, Sunday Services at 10.30 and 4. Mr. Denison will preach. Sunday Noon Lecture on "The Religions of Japan," by Prof. Moore of Harvard. Young People's Discussion at 12 Sunday in the Club-room above the Chapel. Subject: "The Question of Social Classes." Leader, Mr. Stackpole. Social Sunday evening in the Chapel from 7.30 to 10.