

The Tech

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The young men who never make mistakes always die before they reach college.

The basketball teams will play Holy Cross and Melrose High at the Gym tomorrow evening. Interesting games are anticipated, as both home and away teams have lost hard games to these teams.

The decisive victory of Tech over Worcester Polytechnic last Tuesday shows that the team can play basketball when given any kind of support. A large attendance tomorrow evening will do wonders to help Tech to victory. Show your "Technology Spirit." That rare commodity is at a premium.

It is a source of pride among many of today's leading capitalists and self-made business men of the country that they attained their respective positions without the aid of a college education.

None of them fail to admit that some little collegiate education might have been desirable, but having no surplus time at their disposal, gave the matter no thought at all. Now that their ambitions are realized they have the same views concerning men who do not intend to enter some one of the professional pursuits. The question they persist in asking is, "Does it pay?" Does the time and money spent in these four years of comparative ease, pay in proportion for the sacrifice? Does a college education prove a real asset in future life?

All will agree that the point of view they take must govern the answer. If they mean, "Does a four years' training at college assure a successful future career?" the answer is necessarily a negative one. Under ordinary circumstances, the matter of success in after life rests with the individual. A college education is simply a means to the end, and it remains with each one to decide how he is going to utilize it. One can go through college without gaining anything that will be of material advantage to him afterwards or he may fail, after graduation, to use those things he did learn at college. In a training such as we get at Technology, more attention is paid to training in the line intended to be employed in special work; but if these courses alone were all we gained, still the question would not

be settled so that we could say, "It does pay." Technical training is often criticized in that it results in a man's views being narrow. The tendency is to render to scholarship some of that effort which should go into character and the broadening of humanities, for this after all is education. It is not the technical or scientific problems, but that of the management of men, which presents the greatest difficulty at the present day. This weakness in the present college man's habits, is the foundation on which the self-made business man bases his argument, so that he is justified in saying that if one merely learns some profession, that is not sufficient to warrant his going to college to fit himself for his life's work.

The college education that does pay is the education received from the associations, the surroundings and general atmosphere of the college world. Friendships are formed, of an unknown kind in the outside world, and influences that must necessarily develop and broaden a man's character are constantly felt, so that a man is forced to put forward the best there is in him. He meets men of every type and from all parts of the country, and when he graduates carries away with him a knowledge of men who have been working with him for the same ends. He has a desire to advance, as a citizen, the qualities he has learned as a student. These are the factors worth while and are the distinguishing traits of every college man. After all success is more a personal matter and must be expressed in terms of the individual so that but few, if any, college men today think their four years wasted.

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