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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Books Show a Deficit of \$3896.21 in Spite of Many Bequests.

The Treasurer's report of the financial affairs of the Institute for the year ending Sept. 29, 1906, was submitted yesterday at the monthly meeting of the corporation.

There has been an increase in expenses and a decrease in receipts from students' fees, the net result, comparing current expenditures with current receipts, being a deficit of \$3,896.21. In this, account has been taken of one of the most interesting features of the year, namely, the results of the devoted and efficient work of the Income Committee. This Committee has paid over to the Institute during the year \$42,583.61 free from all conditions. The collection of this sum shows the good will of the Alumni as well as the good work of the Committee.

Apart from the above the Institute has received \$31,543.88 in gifts and bequests for special purposes, and, for general purposes, \$50,043.18.

Through the generosity of Mr. Nathaniel Thayer, \$25,000 has been added to the permanent endowment fund. A similar amount has been received from the will of the late Charles Choate, and a like sum from the will of Macey S. Pope.

Charles D. Weld, M. D., has given \$15,000 to be added to the permanent endowment fund, and, in addition to this, has given \$1,600 for the Department of Naval Architecture.

From the same generous but unknown donor who has contributed a like amount in previous years, the Institute has received \$5,000 for the Sanitary Research Fund.

Dr. A. A. Noyes has contributed \$3,000 for the Physico-Chemical Research Laboratory, while \$1,000 has been donated for the same purpose by the will of the late William E. Hale. Dr. N. W. Jacques has also given \$1,000 for the Department of Physics.

Among other bequests and gifts are \$225 from Mrs. William B. Rogers, the widow of Tech's founder, for the purchase of periodicals for the Library; \$180 from the estate of the late Ednah D. Cheney; a motor valued at \$150 from the B. F. Sturtevant Co., and \$100 from Prof. Henry M. Howe. The Walker Memorial Fund now amounts to \$107,557.06.

The current expenses for the past year have been \$508,407.21. Important changes and improvements have been made in the mechanical laboratories and in the architectural department, and Rogers Building has been put in good condition. The final payments on the new Gym have been made, and the building has proved satisfactory and well suited to the purpose for which it was designed. The report of the engineer shows that in his department the Institute plant is in good condition, although some expenditures will have to be made before very long.

The report shows that the Institute now holds property to the amount of \$1,916,973 in investments, and real estate to the value

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PRESIDENT'S APPEAL.

Praxy Cautions Students Against Violating the Rights of the Individual.

To the Students of the Institute:

Our convocations are the sole occasions which bring together the entire body of students. We all feel that they have been occasions, which have not only added to our knowledge and introduced us to well-known men, but they have helped to brighten the day's work and to strengthen the feeling of solidarity. When they were begun, a few years ago, many persons felt that the bringing together of the whole student body was to invite disorderly conduct and boyish outbursts. The holding of the convocations has justified my faith in the good sense and the self-control of the Technology student.

Until this year these gatherings have been models in the display of this self-control, but in the last two convocations there have been evidences on the part of some of a somewhat different attitude; and I venture, therefore, to call the attention of students to the absolute need for that sort of self-control and gentlemanly conduct which draws the line between roughness and good humor. It is not necessary to go into particulars, but I think anyone who will give the matter consideration will realize that the blowing of horns, the ringing of bells, the throwing of objects about the room, and the hissing of particular individuals, means the beginning of a regime which will make the convocations impossible. All of these have been the result, not of intentional breaches of conduct, but of thoughtlessness; and I venture, therefore, to suggest that at the convocation in January, when we are to meet President Tucker of Dartmouth, we return to the old-time habit, to the spirit of Technology ideals of self-control and respect for the rights of the individual.

HENRY S. PRITCHETT.

LARGE SALE OF KOMMERS TICKETS.

The Kommers which will be given by Professor Bigelow on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Walker Club has proved very attractive, and the sale of tickets has been exceptionally large. A sufficient number have already been disposed of to fill the Union comfortably, and it is expected that Mr. Rand will shortly suspend any further sale as he does not wish to tax to the uttermost the capacity of the room. No tickets will be sold in any case after one o'clock tomorrow, and men presenting themselves at the Union without tickets on Saturday night will not be admitted until everybody is seated, and then only should there happen to be a few vacant places.

Mr. Bigelow treats of a subject upon which he is fully qualified to speak and there is no doubt that this Kommers will prove to be one of the most successful of the whole year. Everybody who wishes to be present therefore, should get a ticket as soon as possible, for, judging from the large demand for admission, it is unlikely that many men can be accommodated at the last minute on Saturday night.

MANAGEMENT OF KOMMERS.

Institute Committee Assume Entire Direction, Relieving the Walker Club.

At a special meeting yesterday the Institute Committee voted unanimously to assume charge of the Kommers next term. This action was in acceptance of the invitation of Bursar Rand and Dean Burton, expressed at the Institute Committee meeting last Monday.

Last year the Kommers were managed by the Bursar with the assistance of a committee, one man from each class, appointed by President Pritchett from the members of all four classes. Although the Kommers were extremely successful last year it was due mainly to the personal supervision of Bursar Rand. The work however was too much for the Bursar, especially as it made it imperative for him to give up every Saturday evening, and as the Kommers Committee was not in position to assume the entire responsibility, he was at a loss to know to whom to turn for aid.

The Walker Club, hearing that Bursar Rand wished to have someone take charge of this very important student function, kindly offered its assistance, which was promptly accepted. This plan, however, has not worked out quite as expected, as many of the men felt that it was wrong to give the charge of Tech's most democratic institution into the hands of an organization, the members of which were not elected by the student body. A number of men expressed this opinion to the Bursar and the Dean, and their protests have resulted in the transfer of the management to the Institute Committee.

It is believed that this last arrangement will be permanent and satisfactory to all, as the Institute Committee is the most representative and capable student body in the Institute.

MUSICAL CLUBS MEET.

A meeting of the M. I. T. Musical Clubs was called to order by President Swett in 26 Rogers at 1.10 P.M. on Thursday, December 13. About thirty men were present. Fales '07 read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved after some slight correction. The question of wearing white waistcoats and ties at the Winter Concert was brought up, and after an animated discussion of the relative advantages and propriety of white ties and waistcoats as opposed to black, it was decided that at all home concerts the clubs wear white ties, standing collars, and black waistcoats.

A motion was made that at the division of surplus funds in May, twelve shares be given to the General Manager of the club, five to the leaders, three to the club managers, and one to the active members, one half share to be added to this last for each year's service after the first. This matter was discussed very thoroughly, Thompson, leader of the Mandolin Club, and Jenkins, manager of the Glee Club being among the speakers. The general opinion seemed to favor the increase for the general manager, but not for the other officers.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

12.00 M. Prof. Cross Conference with Freshmen in 11 Walker.
1.00 P.M. Senior Portfolio Committee Meeting in Rogers Library.
1.00 P.M. Hockey Club Meeting in 22 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Prof. Sedgwick's Lecture on Course VII in 28 Pierce.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Union.
8.00 P.M. Professor Norris addresses Chemical Society at the Union.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.

6.00 P.M. Regular Kommers at the Union.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

1.10 P.M. Tech Board Meeting in 30 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Union.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Dynamics of Machines.—An examination will be held in Dynamics of Machines on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 2 o'clock, in 20 Eng. A.

NOTICES.

Railroad Rates.—Attention of students is called to the rates made by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway for the Christmas holidays.

1909 Relay.—The members of the 1909 Relay Team will meet in Rogers Corridor at 1 o'clock sharp. The picture will be taken at Notman's, 384 Boylston Street.

Institute Committee.—Nominations for the Institute Committee must be handed in at the Cage by Tuesday, December 18, at 1 P.M. Each nomination must be endorsed by ten names.

Hockey.—There will be a meeting of the candidates for the Hockey Team in 22 Rogers today at 1 P.M. All members of last year's team are earnestly requested to be present as well as all others who are interested in the team. This meeting is of the utmost importance.

BRITISH EMPIRE ASSOCIATION.

The British Empire Association held a business meeting and Smoker at the Union at 8 P.M. on Monday.

The first part of the evening was devoted to a general revision of the constitution and by-laws, and the club voted on the recommendations which had been prepared by the committee for approval. Among the miscellaneous business which was transacted, it was decided that the members of the club, who would be in Boston during the Christmas vacation, should hold a theatre party and supper on the evening of December 26, and the committee were instructed to make the necessary arrangements. A light supper was served after the meeting.