

THE TECH

VOL. XXVI. No. 36

BOSTON, MASS., MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1906

PRICE THREE CENTS

MOST SUCCESSFUL KOMMERS

Presentation of German Songs Attended by Largest Audience of the Year.

One hundred and ninety men attended the Kommers at the Union Saturday night. After the dinner was over, all sang "On Rogers Steps." Professor John Bigelow, Jr., gave a short history of German student singing. German student songs are as old as the universities themselves. Songs were originally sung in Latin; but later German songs came into vogue. A few of the ancient songs are still sung; but the Latin songs were usually too slow and solemn, and the early German songs too coarse for the taste of the modern students, so the present songs came into use. In 1781 the "Allgemeine Deutschen Kommersen," or a complete collection of present songs were published. There have been 74 editions of this collection since then, and the songs are sung in all German Universities and Technical schools.

American songbooks have comparatively few songs and these are local in character. Patriotic songs were first introduced into the collection of 1781; since then the German Universities, through the influence of their songs have been nurseries of patriotism. The collection of German songs includes songs on the subject of Patriotism, Folk songs, songs on Youth, on Love, Wine, Wandering, and Drinking. German songs are a true spirit of the life of the German student. Student life in Germany is developed into a distinct class. A German student does not prepare for life at a University; then it is that he lives.

Major Bigelow then started the singing of the German songs, translating each one before it was sung. The men present were led in singing by a chorus composed of Germans, residing in Boston, and other men who knew the songs. Mr. Blachstein came in amid tremendous applause; and responded to repeated calls for a speech. He recited Goethe's poem on the minstrel with telling effect. Major Bigelow then added another story to the delight of all present. Bursar Rand was importuned to "go him one better" and replied by giving those present a humorous picture of the effects of beer.

The songs then began again and Mr. Meister played the accompaniments in a spirited manner. During a second pause in the singing Mr. Lenz was called on for a speech. He said that German student songs tell the whole story of German student life. He also compared American and German college life, especially in regard to social gatherings. The American students are not as democratic as the German students. The division of the men into classes and into cliques is unlike anything seen in Germany. The German students, as a class have a very strong *esprit de corps*.

Major Bigelow announced that Heath & Company had presented the Union with a complete edition of German songs, and that he personally was presenting the Union with a German Kommerersbuch.

HOCKEY TEAM PLANS.

Old Men Report Again and Many New Candidates Come Out.

An enthusiastic meeting of the candidates for the Technology Hockey team was held in 22 Rogers last Friday. About thirty-two men were present. H. S. Wilkins told the candidates about the Hockey team, saying that on account of the great interest shown in hockey the last two years, and the excellent prospects for a good team this year, that the sport ought to receive better recognition from the Advisory Council.

W. J. Kelly, '09, manager of the team, outlined the plans for the season. West Point has challenged Technology and a game has been arranged it is hoped for the first week in February. The team would like to play games with Yale and Princeton on the same trip. There will be three games played during the Christmas holidays. It is expected that Dartmouth will meet Technology, but what the other games are has not been announced. Money to pay the running expenses of the team is badly needed. Several men have been appointed to canvass the students in order to raise sufficient funds. About eight dollars was subscribed at the meeting Friday.

This year the prospects for a strong team are unusually bright, as nearly all of last year's team have returned. G. S. Gould, '07, is captain of the team this year, and Miller, '07, for two years captain of the team, is back. He plays forward. Tylee, '07, has played coverpoint for two years, and Ford, '08, has played forward for two years, Kelly, '09, Coupal, '07, Fuller, '07, are forwards. Sharp, '07, has guarded goal for two years. A second team will be formed that will have its own manager and schedule of games, so men that do not make the first team this winter will be in line for next year. Both teams will wear the Technology hockey uniform. Men playing on the first team can wear their H.T.T. during the games. Practice will be held everyday at 4 o'clock at the Brookline Reservoir. All candidates should report at once. Take Chestnut Hill street car.

LECTURE BY DR. R. A. DALY.

Dr. Reginald Aldworth Daly, of Ottawa, will address the Geological Department on "North American Cordillera at the 49th Parallel," at 4.15 P.M. tomorrow, in 11 Eng. B. Dr. Daly is well fitted to give a talk on this subject, and this lecture, which is to be illustrated with a number of lantern slides, should prove one of the most interesting of the year.

Dr. Daly is one of the best known geologists of America. He was a student at Harvard, from which college he was awarded a traveling scholarship after graduation. He acted as geologist on the Northwest Boundary Commission which settled the boundary dispute between United States and Canada in the northwest.

The Yale-Harvard soccer football has been called off.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

Clayton S. Cooper Addresses Tech Men on Bible Study.

At the meeting of the Technology Y. M. C. A. Thursday noon at Trinity Parish House, Clayton S. Cooper spoke on the new Bible study movement which has been rapidly spreading through American colleges. "The man who has been four years at college and cannot look into the faces of some true men and say 'Thou art my friend' has lost one of the greatest benefits of his college course," said Mr. Cooper. Among the greatest treasures that we can acquire are the friends we make at this time of life. The Bible study meetings are conducted with the purpose of inculcating the spirit of friendship and of manly endeavor. The informality of these meetings, allowing friendly discussion of the subjects taken up will be of lasting benefit to those who attend.

Another advantage is the systematic habit which regular Bible study encourages. The Bible will not be used as a fetish; but will be studied in a quiet, thoughtful manner. The student Bible study movement has enrolled over 33,000 men; 4,000 men have been trained to lead small groups of Bible students in the different colleges. This study gives a man a grip on his own life, for the Bible, more than any other book has the power of strengthening a man's moral fibre. Governor-elect Hughes of New York approves of this movement. At Yale the track, crew and baseball captains lead classes. This course of Bible study at Tech is given under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. At the next three meetings of the Tech Y. M. C. A. Rev. Allen A. Stockdale of Berkeley Temple will address the men.

AN ALUMNUS HONORED.

A. Lawrence Rotch, '84, director of the Blue Hill Observatory at Hyde Park, and one of the leading meteorological experts of this country, was appointed professor of meteorology at Harvard by the Harvard corporation Friday.

Since his graduation from the Institute, where he pursued the course in Mechanical Engineering, Professor Rotch has been conducting extensive scientific investigations into the celestial world, working both here and abroad. Universities of Germany, France and England have honored him with high degrees. He has made several important discoveries and contributed many useful books on meteorological subjects, among them a text-book, now used in many leading colleges and schools, entitled, "Sounding the Ocean of Air." Some ten years ago he became editor of the *American Meteorological Journal*, which position he has since held with distinction.

ROUND TABLE ELECTIONS.

At a recent meeting of the Round Table, the following men were elected: R. H. Allen, '09, W. D. Phelps, '09, Adams, '10, MacMurtrie, '10, Harrison, '10, Pope, '10, Doble, '10, Creecey, '10, Maxey, '10, Rhodes, '10, Hart, '10, Fitzwater, '10.

CALENDAR.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- 12.00 M. Prof. Cross Conference with freshmen in 11 Walker.
- 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.
- 8.00 P.M. Basketball, Varsity vs. Boston College, Second vs. Boston College Freshmen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- 1.00 P.M. All Freshman Institute Committee Nominations must be in.
- 4.15 P.M. Dr. R. A. Daly Lecture before Geology Dept. in 11 Eng. B.
- 8.00 P.M. Musical Clubs Annual Winter Concert and Dance.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- 6.30 P.M. Walker Club Meeting at Technology Club.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Fourth Year, Course III, Hydraulics. — The exercises in fourth year Hydraulics, Course III, will be held in Room 11, Eng. B instead of Room 54, Eng. A.

NOTICES.

1909 Football. — Meet in Rogers corridor at one o'clock sharp on Wednesday, Dec. 19, for football pictures.

1909 Class Pipes. — Orders for class pipes may now be obtained upon receipt of payment from the following men: Moses, King, Kurtzman, Lord.

1910. — Nominations for the Institute committee must be handed in at the Cage by Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1906. Each nomination must have ten names signed to it.

SENIOR PORTFOLIO.

The Senior Portfolio Committee met for the first time Friday in Rogers Library.

Donald Robbins was elected Chairman of the Committee.

Louis Mezmer, Chairman of the 1906 Committee, gave some of the business points and some advice concerning the work. The question of a photographer was discussed and the matter will be decided probably before Christmas.

The history blanks will be printed and sent out to all 1907 men at once. It is earnestly hoped by the committee that these biographies will be handed in promptly and be clearly, concisely and plainly written.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT.

There will be a double attraction at the Gym tonight. Both basketball teams are down for games that should furnish some fine sport. The varsity plays Boston College, and the second plays Boston College Freshmen. Both home teams are in fine condition and will put up a great game. This is the varsity's second game and the second's first.