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Wednesday, January 9, 1907.

THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the election of Mr. G. A. Haynes to the Business Staff.

THE TECH intends to continue its custom, inaugurated last year, of issuing a slip, giving the names of the officers of all the class and social organizations in the Institute. The work of compiling this list will be very much lightened for us if the secretaries of the various clubs will kindly hand in as soon as possible, to our office or to the Cage, a list of the officers of the association, which they represent.

THE TECH notes, that at the meeting of the class of 1909 held yesterday, the expenditures of the Theatre Committee were approved by the class.

Our editorial on this subject in last Friday's issue has excited considerable comment, and we wish it to be distinctly understood that the language, in which the opening sentences of our editorial was couched and to which some people have taken exception, was not directed against the characters of the members of the 1909 Theatre Committee, but was directed against the principle, to which we still are vigorously opposed.

Be it noted, however, that THE TECH reserves to itself in all cases the right to criticize when and what it pleases.

In the December edition of the *Technology Quarterly* appeared a short article entitled "American and German Education Contrasted." This article is a abstract from a book written by

Dr. W. B. Bottger of the University of Leipsic, who at one time occupied the station of original research at the Institute, and presents both sides of the case with remarkable impartiality.

America is, according to Dr. Bottger, the land of experimentation, in educational matters. It is only during the last thirty years that the American Universities have developed to their present importance. Their life is therefore,

younger and more energetic. The length of time occupied in the preparatory schools by the youth of each country is about the same, but the American is not so hard pressed in his studies during this period as is his German brother, and is consequently, on his graduation from the preparation school, less fitted to immediately take up his professional work. His first years in college are therefore still in the line of preparation for his special line of studies.

The German system offers a complete contrast to this. There the student upon his entrance into college is suddenly thrown wholly upon his own responsibility, his choice of studies is unrestricted, and he takes no examination until his final one for his doctor's degree.

The difference in the ideals of education in the two countries may be summed up in the following: In America the aim of the higher education is to increase the efficiency of the average man, while in Germany the stress is laid upon bringing the best to the highest development.

A curious difference between the American and the German student is mentioned in the article. All statements to the contrary notwithstanding, the German student has surprisingly little love or loyalty for his alma mater. He moves from one college to another without sentimental regrets, and, while he may be, and often is, deeply attached to his particular student corps or to some popular or eminent professor, he does not seem to consider the University which he is attending as worthy of any particular devotion. Particularly is this true of the alumni. Dr. Bottger contrasts this spirit with the loyalty of the American student, and instances the failure of the Harvard merger movement at Tech as demonstrating the interest taken by college graduates of this country in the affairs of their college.

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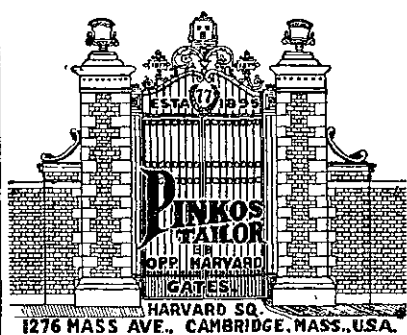
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