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WHAT TO DO.

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Certain questions have, at various times, been asked of me by college students who desire to do something for political reform. I do not think that I can better comply with the request preferred by the Intercollegiate Civic League to write something especially for the college students respecting political reform than to answer these questions.

If you wish to have influence in reforming the politics of the City, the State, or the Nation, do not begin by making politics your profession. A man may enter the Civic Service expecting to earn his livelihood in it and may render good service to his country. By his influence and example he may quietly work against all forms of corruption and dishonesty, and all forms of incompetence and inefficiency, but he cannot be a vigorous reformer of the political organization if he is depending upon it for his livelihood. He need not accept either corruption or incompetence as necessary, still less give them even tacit support, but he cannot work efficiently or aggressively against them if he is depending for his bread and butter on the system of which they are a part. Any young man who desires to do aggressive work in reforming the political life of his country must have some independent means of support. He must, therefore, enter some other profession than politics, and get a position of self-support and of moral influence in the community before he undertakes very actively and aggressively the work of a civic reformer.

He may plan to exert his influence as a reformer without the political organization. If so it is a matter of comparative indifference what profession he chooses. But some professions, if not absolutely inconsistent with political reform within the organization, render such work exceedingly difficult. The preacher cannot be known in the community as a Republican, a Democrat, a Prohibitionist, or a Populist without seriously interfering with his religious work in the pulpit, though he may be known as a political reformer and by his participation in political reform add to the respect in which he and his work are held by the best men in all parties. A teacher cannot be identified in the public mind with either one of the great political parties without seeming to commit the institution intrusted to his charge to the support of that party, and this he has no moral right to do. The journalist cannot belong to a party and maintain the independence of his journalism. If his journal does not defend the party to which he belongs, he is put in the inconsistent attitude of advocating one set of principles as an editor and another set of principles as a man. Horace Greeley and Henry J. Raymond both tried this experiment and both failed.

There are times, no doubt, when the only hope of the reformer is in breaking away from both political parties and taking part in an independent movement, but these occa-

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GOOD SCHEDULES ARRANGED.

Class Baseball Teams Booked for Coming Season.—Practice Begins Soon.

When the freshman baseball candidates start work in the latter part of this month they will have before them a full schedule of games. Manager J. Avery, Jr., who was elected at a recent class meeting, has already secured a number of games with fast prep-school and college freshman teams around Boston, and is considering further offers from other schools.

The first call for candidates will be given out as soon as the Field is in proper condition to use, probably in two or three weeks, and practice will be held regularly thereafter at the Field. The first game will probably come on April 4, when the freshmen are scheduled to meet Noble and Greenough at the latter's grounds. Among the prominent preparatory schools with whom games have already been arranged are Rindge Manual Training, Boston Latin, De Merritt, Noble and Greenough, and Waltham High Schools. Manager Avery has been fortunate in securing a number of good games on home ground, and baseball enthusiasts will have an opportunity to see fast ball on several occasions at the Field, especially when the Brown Freshmen come up from Providence on April 27. The Tufts Freshman Team also wants games, one to be played at Medford and another at the Tech Field.

The schedule which has been provisionally arranged is to date as follows:

April 4, Noble and Greenough at South End. April 17, Waltham High at Waltham. April 20, Rindge Manual Training at Tech Field. April 23, Malden High at Malden. April 24, Boston Latin at Tech Field. April 27, Brown, '10, at Tech Field. May 7, DeMerritt at Tech Field. May 11, Lowell Textile at Lowell. May 22, Milton Academy at Milton. May 30, Wellesley High at Wellesley.

Manager Applin has completed the schedule of games for the Sophomore Baseball Team with the exception of the games to be played with the freshmen for the class championship.

The schedule is as follows:

April 2, De Merritt at Tech Field. April 13, Ballou and Hobigand at Tech Field. April 17, Lowell Textile at Lowell. April 23, Ballou and Hobigand at Tech Field. April 27, Winthrop High at Winthrop. May 1, Boston College, '10, at Tech Field. May 4, Bridgewater Normal at Bridgewater. May 11, Mechanics Arts High at Tech Field. May 17, English High at Tech Field. May 18, Watertown High at Watertown.

COLLEGE NOTE.

Coach Yost is to call out the Michigan football candidates just as soon as the weather permits and put them through a strenuous spring course. After last fall's hard luck and other experiences, the Michigan coach intends to get started early enough this year to insure better success.

PRINCETON TONIGHT.

Fencing Team to Meet Princeton at Gym. Personnel of Teams.

Tech meets Princeton at the Gym tonight in a dual fencing match. This is the third meet of the season and promises to be most interesting, particularly to those awaiting an opportunity to get a line on Tech's chances with the intercollegiate teams this year. From the results of this meet much will be learned as to the prospects of the triangular meet March 27 with Columbia and Yale, which is now assured.

Pennsylvania went down in defeat before the Princeton fencers March 2 by a score of 6 to 3. Pennsylvania had a quick team this year and Princeton had some excellent material to select from. For this reason a close contest can reasonably be expected tonight.

Princeton will be represented by Capt. H. S. Breckenridge, A. T. McClintock, P. M. Maresi and L. M. Thompson. The Tech team will consist of Capt. H. Dupre Bounetheau, E. M. Loring, Turner, and F. Lange.

SHOW PRINCIPALS CHOSEN.

William, Willie, and Bill have been definitely chosen, and they are already practising stunts at the Union. The three leading men in this year's Show are to be J. C. Childs, K. Vonnegut, and R. H. Allen, named in the order of their parts. Vonnegut and Allen worked together last year, making a big hit in their duel scene over the love of Sally. Although Sally does not reappear this year, one Goldstein is the source of much woe to all three boys. R. Kibby takes this part and even now has a dialect that is difficult to distinguish from the real Hebrew.

A few other old show men again come on the stage, Adams and Ellis taking prominent parts on the male side, while the winning smiles of Sands and Belden will again cause tremendous commotion in the Providence audience.

CROSS COUNTRY ELECTIONS.

The annual election of officers of the M. I. T. Cross Country Association will be held at 1.00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 13, in 27 Rogers. The following are the nominations: President, H. R. Calloway, '08; B. L. Gimson, '08. Secretary, R. Ellis, '09; C. S. Clapp, '08. Manager, R. W. Ferris, '08; R. Ellis, '09. Captain, H. H. Howland, '08. Chase Captain, M. Ames, '08; J. N. Stephenson, '09; L. Ellis, '08.

DR. DODD SPEAKS.

At the weekly Y. M. C. A. meeting held yesterday noon in the Parish Hall of Trinity Church, Dr. E. A. Dodd of Emmanuel Church gave a very helpful talk on "Continuity of Purpose."

At the meeting next week the members will be addressed by Prof. Winslow of the Institute. The annual election of officers is now going on and the balloting closes today.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY MARCH 8.

4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
6.30 P.M. Missouri Club Dinner at the Union.
7.00 P.M. Civic Club Meeting in 16 Rogers.
8.00 P.M. Fencing, Tech vs. Princeton at the Gym.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

6.30 P.M. 1909 Kommers at the Union.

MONDAY, MARCH 11.

1.00 P.M. Meeting of the Board of Editors of THE TECH in 30 Rogers.
1.30 P.M. Rifle Club Meeting in 31 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Prof. Swain's Reading in 11 Eng. B.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.

NOTICES.

Auto Show.—THE TECH has a number of Auto Show tickets on sale at the Cage.

Readings.—Prof. Swain's reading will be held at 4 o'clock Monday in 11 Eng. A.

Ohio Club.—The second dinner of the Ohio Club will be held on March 21.

Cross Country Association.—The annual election of officers will be held Wednesday, March 13, at 1 P.M. in 27 Rogers. See nominations posted.

Rifle Club.—A meeting for the election of officers of the Rifle Club will be held in 26 Rogers at 1.30 Monday. All members are requested to be present.

Geological Journal Club.—The Geological Journal Club will meet today in 14 Pierce at 4.15. Prof. Crosby will give a talk, and Willcomb, '07, will review a paper on the "Relation of Radio-Activity to Vulcanism." All interested are invited to attend.

CHICK FOX TO ENTERTAIN.

Through the efforts of the 1909 Kommers Committee, "Chick" Fox, the well known comedian and artist, has been secured as a special attraction at the Union for Saturday evening. Mr. Fox who has won repeated renown in local theatrical circles by his efforts in the Cadet Shows needs no further introduction. He is accompanied in his sketch by "Bud" Nichols who is also well known.

From the manner in which this attraction has thus far been received by the students in general, it is assured that there will be an enormous crowd at the Union. As a consequence of the demand for tickets and as a warning to those who are not acquainted with the new rules in regard to the Kommers the committee calls attention of the students to the fact that tickets must be procured in advance at the Bursar's office for twenty five cents.