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In charge of this issue: A. K. MITCHELL, 1909

Wednesday, March 13, 1907.

THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. F. A. Dewey, 1909 to the News Staff.

The part of *Technique '08*, dedicated to the grinds, is, we venture to state, the first which receives the students attention when the book is placed in his hands. To ensure the success of this department, prizes are offered for the best contributions and no effort is spared to discover latent talent among the men. In the past these efforts have been crowned with success, but there is one criticism of the work which might be made and which is sustained by the records of former *Techniques*.

A custom appears to have grown up of taking certain professors, and, by means of more or less witty and sometimes dubious caricature, of holding them up to the ridicule of the reader. A moderate amount of this is very amusing, and in the beginning no doubt it was ludicrous in the extreme. But even the best of jokes pall with frequent repetition, and the continued insertion of them seems to argue a lack of originality on the part of the editors. Therefore, we hope that in *Technique '08*, we may be spared the perusal of a certain class of lampoon, which seems to be prompted by a mistaken idea of wit, and executed with personalities often verging upon the border of good taste.

PROF. PRESCOTT IN NEW YORK.

At the Chemist's Club, New York City, Prof. Prescott lectured last Saturday before the American Chemical Society on "Application of Bacteriology to Industrial Chemistry."

### PROFESSOR SWAIN'S READING.

Professor Swain's Reading on Monday afternoon was from "On the Threshold," by Theodore T. Munger, on the subject of books that one should read. The book was originally given either in talks to young men in Dr. Munger's Church, or else to the Yale students.

Eleven commandments were set forth concerning literature worth going into, a prominent one being that one should not read purely for pleasure, but should treat reading as one would a study. Newspapers come in for a large amount of criticism, because they do publish stories that are not really valuable but which appeal to the public. Furthermore, reading of forty topics in ten minutes is mental dissipation and not discipline.

Dr. Munger says that one should choose a book that one is to read much as a friend would be chosen. It should be one of the best, and be introduced by someone who has already read it, or else by general reputation.

The latest novel should be studiously avoided, as it cannot be worth reading unless it is recognized at least a year after its issue. However a novel when read should be enjoyed to the uttermost, and no word left unread for fear of missing some possible pleasure.

Prof. Swain's next reading will come next Monday, as usual, and will be taken from the same book, on the subject of "Thrill."

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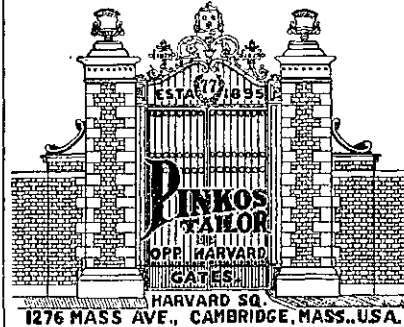
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