

THE TECH

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THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the election of Mr. Holman I. Pearl, 1910, to the Board of Editors, and the appointment of Mr. W. Duncan Green, 1909, to the News Staff.

When a disagreement between two people working for the same cause reaches such a point that one of them feels called upon to give up that cause, it is to the profit of the others interested that the nature of the disagreement and the merits of the two sides be thoroughly understood, or the cause is apt to lose its most valuable backer. It is often the case that the man who is most enthusiastic in his work, the most whole souled in his devotion, is the most sensitive when he feels that he is being wronged. And it is not right or just that such a question should be allowed to settle itself, and that the man who sits on his job the longest should be declared to be in the right.

There is at present a disagreement among the athletic powers of the Institute. This disagreement has reached a point where last night our coach, John Mahan, felt called upon to resign. The facts of this disagreement are to be found in the news columns of this morning's issue of THE TECH. While THE TECH does not presume to dictate which side of this controversy is in the right, it does wish to emphasize the fact that such an important question as whether Major Briggs or John Mahan is the most valuable to the Institute should be decided by some body that is capable of judging the case on its merits, and not left to chance.

About the best opportunity for determining the merits of this question will be at the Convocation tomorrow. The M. I. T. A. A. is composed of all the students of the Institute, regardless of rank, class, or previous interest in athletics, and there is no reason why this convocation could not be called to order as a meeting of the Athletic Association. It would then be qualified to take official action. The Advisory Council could be abolished, reformed, commended, or censured.

Opportunity knocks once at every man's door. This is the Tech athletes' opportunity. There has always been a lot of kicking here at the way things were done in our athletics. Here is the place where every man will have a chance to voice his opinion by his vote. Here he can help decide whether the Institute most needs John Mahan, the man to whom more than any one else the Tech men owe the present condition of our athletics, the man who has taken our athletics from the street and put them on the best track in New England, the man who has acted as our coach, trainer, faculty representative, and friend, or a parasitical Advisory Council, that has always acted as a drag on athletic progress, that has won the enmity of every manager that

ever acted under its direction, that receives all athletic funds and is grouchy about spending them, and that in all its history has never made a report to the body that created it.

As Milton says:
"Whence haply mention may arise
Of something not unreasonable to ask."

TECHNIQUE '09, ELECTS OFFICERS.

At the first meeting of the board of editors of *Technique* 1909 in 30 Rogers Monday afternoon, officers were elected as follows:
Editor-in-Chief, B. E. Hutchinson;
Business Manager, C. G. Koppitz;
Treasurer, J. H. Critchett; Art Editor, M. Flagg. The grinds department was assigned to R. H. Allen, and the department of class histories to M. R. Scharff. The next meeting will be held Monday at 5 P.M. in the Trophy Room.



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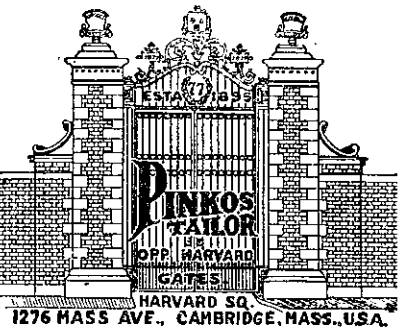
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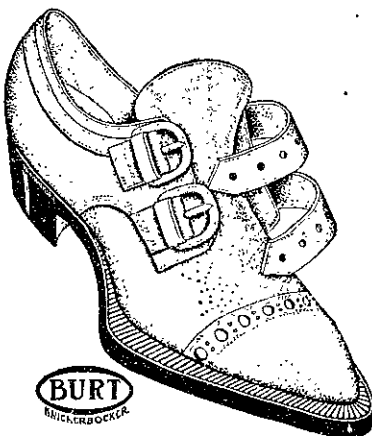


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