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THE MAN, NOT THE SCHOOL.

Professor Swain in the closing paragraphs of his article on the civil engineering course has brought out two ideas that seldom occur to students at Technology.

The first is that the degree of a college means little, except as it denotes the achievement of a certain amount of work.

The reputation of the Institute at present is very high in engineering circles. Many students are drawn to the Institute by reason of its good name. These students in great part feel that a good portion of their success will be due to the reputation of the Institute.

This feeling that the Institute will entitle each graduate to be ranked as a high classed engineer is very false. The student should feel that the success is due to his own personal equipment and training, rather than to the standing that Technology gives him. The graduates should be such that they make the reputation of the Institute, rather than the Institute make the reputation for the graduate.

The second idea that the college gives an opportunity for a man to train himself, rather than the college trains the man is very seldom brought to the mind of the average student. A large portion of the student body at the Institute approach their work as they did the work in the primary school, rather as a necessary evil than a great opportunity to develop themselves.

The student should not come before the teacher as a lump of clay to be moulded into shape by labor on the part of the teacher. He should rather come as a live being, intent on moulding himself with the aid and direction of the teacher.

The non-success of a lecture system has been greatly due to the former attitude; that the students sit before a lecturer, and allow him to pour into their minds facts and fancies without question, without mental effort on their part. Probably it is due greatly to this attitude that the course in civil engineering has done away with lecture work and has brought about the system in which every student has to take part in the thinking.

Throughout the article Prof. Swain shows that in Course I great efforts have been made to do away with this evil of forcing the teacher to do most of the work and the student little.

1909 CHIVALRY.

All Hail to the most chivalrous of classes, 1909. All Hail to the class that recognizes the divine right of woman to act as an equal, and oftentimes a superior, to man. Down in the history of the Institute classes will 1909 shine as the one class who has recognized that woman has a right in the councils, in the great committees of action.

As Freshmen this redoubtable class gave no signs that it was to be a rank defender of woman's rights. But as the class coagulated, condescended, as the Sophomore ardor grew, then femininity entered. For the first time in the history of co-eds at Tech, one rose to the high office of secretary.

On the Technique ballot appeared the names of several girls. All of these that were known received a strong bold cross beside their names and woman entered the sacred councils of the Technique electoral committee.

A competition was arranged for the positions on the Technique art staff, but so gallant were the members that none would compete when the woman entered the lists. Else the woman was the best artist in the class. No other

conclusions can be drawn for is not a woman at the head of the art staff of the great journal of this chivalrous class, and secretary of the governing board?

'Tis said, 'tis whispered that the board meetings of this great book are opened with prayer, and Chesterfieldian are the manners of the members thereof. How proud a thing this must be to the class of 1909 that over their board hangs not that cloud of saffron and cigarette that brooded over previous Technique boards.

But this is not all. Once more this class is to add another scroll to its collection in the Hall of Fame, for there is a girl nominee for the junior prom committee. Truly, in consistency, she should be elected. Truly, this gallant class should stand by its principles and elect the girl.

That woman's stronghold is society has always been recognized. Let 1909 recognize this and elect a girl to have a part in the arrangements of this greatest of Tech's society events. A woman's hand is needed in an event of this kind, a feminine taste in the flowers and decorations. Truly, the woman element is larger at the prom than the man; then must a woman be elected to the committee that has charge of the arrangements.

Then must come next year a woman president of the class of 1909, a female Senior president.

FACULTY NOTICES.

FOURTH YEAR.—The examination in hydraulic measurements will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2-4, in 50 Eng. A.

FOURTH YEAR students in geological surveying (871) will please leave their field map books and notes with the librarian at the geological library, 14 Pierce, on or before Saturday, Dec. 7. Beginning Dec. 5, the option 3 class will meet at 9 A. M. on Thursdays in 13 Pierce.

LECTURES in fourth-year economic geology (889) and 860 (non-metallic). Professor Kemp's lectures will be given on the following Mondays at 11 A. M. and 2.30 P. M., the afternoon hour being followed by an hour of conference from 3.30 to 4.30; the morning and afternoon lectures are both required for all members of the class: Dec. 2, 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, Feb. 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16.

1809 WINS FENCING MEET.

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27th bout—Chinchilla 1909 defeated Clapp 1910.

Final score: 1909, 15 bouts; 1911, 8 bouts; 1910, 4 bouts.

Special bouts.

Four-minute bout with foils, Mr. P. Cushing and F. J. Lange. No decision.

Four-minute bout with foils, E. M. Loring and F. J. Lange. No decision.

Four-minute bout with duelling swords—Gallegos 1910 defeated Mr. P. Cushing, 8 points to 5.

Bout for five points, duelling swords—Mr. P. Cushing defeated E. M. Loring, 5 points to 4.

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