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In the last issue of the school term it will perhaps to bring before everyone a few points in regard to The Tech of the past and future.

It is generally recognized that there has been an improvement in the paper both typographically and in news matter. A greater effort has been made to "cover" more thoroughly the happenings in the Institute student life. Articles on the scientific work of the departments, both by professor and student, have been printed at greater length than formerly. The thoughts and ideas of the various heads of departments and men prominent in the scientific world have been published in special articles. Mere "plate" or clipped matter has been excluded from the columns. About a column and a half more matter has been printed per issue than in former years. An attempt has been made to hold to a steady, sane editorial policy.

All of this has meant work, more work than one not versed in newspaper publishing has any conception of. At the opening of the school year the burden fell on one or two men. As the organization was perfected more men took part. Due to small number of candidates for the staff, the burden is too heavy for the editors.

In order to bring the candidates now out for the staff to the realization of the responsibility and work connected with the publishing of the paper they were left to manage and edit the last issue. The result was very satisfactory from the viewpoint of training for the candidates. It also showed what would happen to The Tech if more men do not come out for the staff.

The present editors cannot afford to further sacrifice their time and, mayhap, studies in the struggle to present to Technology a fairly bright, newsy sheet. That the Institute needs and wants such a publication is well shown by the sales of the paper and the comments by the alumni.

All through the school year the paper speaks for the various activities, calls for candidates for the show, the athletic teams and what not, and advertises the various student affairs. Looking at it from purely a selfish viewpoint these activities should feel it a duty to see that this advertising medium is good, that it reaches a larger number of students and is in the hands of capable and experienced men.

The other points of advantage in the work on The Tech are the contact with the heads of departments and leaders, both in the Institute work and student activity, the insight into the different Institute courses and student enterprises, and the feeling of having done something for the community of Technology.

At the opening of next term, The Tech will need twenty to thirty candidates. With this number out the work for none will be arduous, yet there will be enough to give all a good training and an opportunity to partake in the many advantages in the publishing of the paper.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the TECH:

While the writer agrees to some extent with the author of the article in the last TECH under this heading, yet there are one or two statements therein contained with which he is not in accord.

It seems somewhat presumptuous for the editors of even so important a paper as the TECH to pass upon the matter of a Tech Song, both for the present and future, as evidenced by the statement, "The Stein Song is not a Tech song and never will be." This surely should be left to a vote of the students—past, present and future.

The statement that "Bullard was a Dartmouth graduate before he entered Tech" is untrue. There is no mention of Dartmouth College in the Institute records in the Registrar's office, as there would have been had he ever studied there.

These records show that Bullard entered the Institute in September, 1883, directly from the Boston Latin School on a certificate of clear admission to Harvard College. He specialized in chemistry for three years, entered the employ of Henry A. Gould and Co. on Pearl St., dealers in aniline dyes as a chemist, and remained with them until the summer of 1888. In company with Dr. Noyes 1886, Dr. Mulliken 1887, and the writer, he then sailed for Europe and began the study of music with Rhineberger in Munich. This would seem to prove conclusively that he had no connection whatever with Dartmouth College.

There is a rumor that the song was composed for a dinner of the Latin School Association and that it would have a prior claim thereto. Inasmuch as far as the writer knows, it has never been adopted by this association and that it has been sung by Tech men for at least five years, don't let us so heartlessly disown it—it's too good—but treasure it carefully as one of our Tech songs—one of the very best.

A. H. GILL, '84.

TEAM TO TAKE NEW YORK TRIP.

Basket Ball Team Will Visit the Metropolis Next Month.

Technology's basket ball is now well advanced. The following games remain to be played: Jan. 15, Lowell Textile at Lowell. On the New York trip the games played will be as follows: Feb. 5 Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, Feb. 6 Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn, Feb. 7 College of the City of New York at New York, Feb. 8 U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

PROF. SWAIN AGAIN HONORED.

Vice-President of Important Section of A. A. A. S.

Professor Swain has just returned from Chicago where he and Prof. Woods represented the Institute at the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has just been elected vice-president of Section D of the association, which is concerned with mechanical science and engineering. At the convention Profs. Swain and Woods took an active part in the discussion of the methods of teaching mathematics to engineers.

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