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### FRESHMEN. DON'T STAMP.

The use of the feet to express pleasure or disapproval has only one favorable characteristic: it furnishes a small amount of exercise. The faculty has had little to say about this extension of a prep school trick into the freshman class. It was thought at one time that it would die a natural death but the habit seems to be increasing rather than decreasing. Coming late to class, leaving early, flunking, or clever reciting on the part of the student; or a novel proof or neat experiment on the part of the instructor, all call forth this courteous demonstration.

Nor are the freshmen unsupported in these exhibitions. A number of older men also have the habit. And it is strange that they do; for stamping on the floor is either a childish method of showing disapprobation or at best an ill-mannered, lazy, expression of appreciation. When done by freshmen it may be excusable on the grounds that they know no better. Upperclassmen, however, have no such excuse. When a whole section of juniors start clumping their feet on the floor over some trivial circumstance it is an interesting illustration of how men can give exclusive attention to one side of their development at the cost of another more essential side; how in acquiring mental training they may lose mental balance, and in working for efficiency, they may forget how to be gentlemen.

### COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of The Tech:

In less than three weeks Technique 1909 will appear. The editors have had a difficult task this year. The financial stringency has made it very difficult to obtain advertising; nevertheless, depending on the support of the students, the Board has prepared a book of nearly a hundred pages more than Technique 1908, and has gone to great expense in bringing the illustrations, binding, etc., up to the highest standard. But the expected support has been noticeably lacking. The request for subscriptions is commonly met with the statement—"I don't want to bind myself to buy a book, though I probably will get one."

Could we explain through your columns to such persons that the members of the Board are personally bound for all the expenses connected with the publication? And is it too much to ask that after the editors have given their time and labor to the task, the students whom they represent should give their support to this extent? The subscription books are now being circulated by members of each class, and all who expect to buy copies are urged to subscribe now.

TECHNIQUE 1909.

### MANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Tomorrow is the last day applications will be received for seats for the Boston performance of the Show. There are already applications in for about 1200 tickets, and those who wait till after Saturday will have to take what they can get.

The end of the time on applications marks the beginning of the hardest work for the cast. choruses are pretty well drilled, and the principals, too, have now got their dances down fine.

Notwithstanding the all-day rehearsals, the principals are expected to show up Saturday as usual.

### ELECTRICITY USEFUL IN MINING.

T. W. Sprague gave the first of a series of four lectures on "Electricity in Mining" Wednesday. The other lectures will begin April 3, 8, and 10, at 4 o'clock in 2 Rogers.

Mr. Sprague said that there is almost no branch of mining in which electricity is not used, and that in order to be able to cope with the up-to-date problem of mining one must know something of electricity. Electricity in mining means, among other things, the bringing together of all power plants, thus a great education in cost as compared with the separate steam plants.

A bituminous coal mine was taken as an example for the applying of electricity in different ways, and problems relating to the mine were worked out.

### INDIVIDUAL MAN COUNTS.

S. B. Carter, of Carter, Peabody & Co., spoke to the Tech Y. M. C. A. yesterday on "Opportunities for Service in Business and Commercial Life."

Among other things Mr. Carter said, "It is the individual work with the individual man that counts. It is the specialist today that is among our great men. The all-around man is not the successful man nowadays. In trying to know a little of everything we do not learn much about anything." In this connection he said that a man on a ball team who can play any position usually has to learn to play one position or he is exchanged. In conclusion Mr. Carter said, "We must meet men on the same level as far as we can."

### COURSE V. MAN ATTRACTS ATTENTION.

J. Garfield Riley 1906, Course V, who has recently been appointed to a position in the laboratory of the United States at Washington, D. C., is attracting considerable attention by his excellent work. He will probably be assigned later to a new station to be installed in Boston, at which investigations will be carried into the dairies in New England.

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