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FINDING FAULT.

It is probably the easiest thing in the world to find fault with the established order of things. For there is a time in the life of every one when he places a huge amount of importance upon his own views and judgments and almost every person and season is now and then inclined to criticize and find fault with the institutions and everything connected with it. The system upon which the laboratories or drawing rooms are run seems to be all right, professors or instructors appear to be working in judgment on other qualities, the rush of work seems to proceed on best results, he is obliged to study subjects which appear to have no possible practical value, and a score of other faults are evident.

Such feelings may usually be traced to a tired brain, too constant application to work under unusual and strained conditions, and too little enjoyment of other things which make life worth living. On the whole, however, these complaints are inevitably among upperclassmen and are wholesome in that they show that men are not accepting the established order of things unquestioningly but are thinking things out for themselves. Still everyone should bear in mind that the present system is the result of the experience of a good many years, that the faculty often all probably do understand education better than any student, and that Technology undoubtedly stands at the head of all technical schools which would argue that the methods followed here are on the whole pretty successful.

COMMUNICATION.

The competition for words for the Stein Song has been extended until October or November of next year. The exact date will be announced next fall. This decision of the committee was necessitated because of the inability of most of the words submitted. The extension of time will give ample opportunity during the summer for all who wish to enter the competition to work up their ideas.

Good sounding words, words to stand for some Technology spirit are alone desired.

C. R. SHUMFORTH,
S. H. COLEMAN,
D. W. SHAWMAN.

QUEEN ENTERTAINS GUESTS.

Queens held Annual Reception in Pines Building.

In the Margaret Cheney room, in Pines yesterday afternoon the Queens, whose membership includes practically all the queens at the Institute, held its annual Junior Week reception. The princesses were Mrs. Harry W. Grant, Mrs. Robert M. Richards, Mrs. Dugald C. Jackson, Mrs. William B. Rogers, Mrs. Thomas A. Rogers, Jr., Mrs. Charles W. Sawyer, Mrs. Madison J. Root, Mrs. Charles A. Stone, Mrs. Stanley McCormick, Mrs. Henry P. Talbot, Mrs. Susan Mims, Mrs. Francis A. Walker, Mrs. Henry G. Pearson and Mrs. George Wigglesworth. Miss Mims, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. McCormick, and Miss Ruth Maxwell, the president of the Queens, received.

TWELVE GOING TO LONELL.

The following men will be taken to Lowell for the game with the Boston School Students, and will play in the positions indicated. Outfielders: Barlow, Jr.; Brown, Jr.; Green and Wallis. Infielders: Dillan, J. E. Everett, J. B. Billings, Jr.; R. Jones, Jr.; C. Jones, Jr.; Thomson, Jr. The squad will leave North Station on the 12:30 train.

CHEMISTRY MEDAL GOES.

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Continuation of this work next year. Dr. W. R. Whitney, while at the Institute, arrived at several important conclusions on the subject of corrosion and his work has been substantially confirmed by this later work. Mr. Colby will 1908 make this his thesis work for the master's degree.

Mr. Will took up the subject from the standpoint of the influence of stress on corrosion, and the recent work and the subject of the paper has been on the mechanism of the corrosion reaction.

The two main facts that have thus far been determined are that iron dissolves in water in the absence of carbon dioxide or oxygen, and that the primary function of oxygen in the corrosion of iron and steel is its depolarizing action.

The work has been independently



DR. W. R. WHITNEY.

been continued by Dr. Allen Cushman on the government laboratories in Washington.

Dr. Whitney received his bachelor of science degree in 1890 from the Pennsylvania State College and his doctor's degree in 1892 from Göttingen. He was an instructor in chemistry in the Pennsylvania State College from 1892-1894; at the Institute from 1894-1900; a member of the staff of Little & Walton since 1900; associate professor at the Institute from 1902-1905; professor of inorganic chemistry from 1905 to date.

ALLEN ADDRESSES Y. M. C. A.

"What Christian Institutions Stand For" was the topic of the talk given yesterday at the Y. M. C. A. meeting by Dr. W. R. Whitney of the Church of the Redeemer.

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