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BOSTON, MASS., MARCH 9, 1910.

Tonight at five, the business heads of all the Institute activities meet to discuss the question of a finance commission. The purpose of such a commission is to provide some means for remedying the insecure financial basis the activities are very prone to run upon.

The main objections to the scheme are that it may mean that the control of the activities will get out of the hands of the students and get into the hands of the graduates or other members of the controlling committee, and that it will remove some of the benefits of activity work by taking a good deal of the responsibility off the shoulders of the undergraduates. The benefits to be derived from the work of such a committee are that it will prevent the serious personal losses of the participants in the activities, which has been the rule for many a year, that it will give the aid of the advice of men brought up in the professional world, and that it will enable every one of the activities to get better rates from business houses owing to the fact that debts of previous years have been paid up and because the estimates can be kept on file by the Committee.

The only question that is really a vital one is that of authority. Is it advisable to give away your rights to those who may not realize your standpoint? It is, as long as there is some chance to make those who are given the authority to realize that they rule only by the consent of the governed. The way to do this is to have periodic appointments by those directly concerned.

This appointing would therefore be best done by a group composed exactly as will be the one to meet this afternoon. They can draw up a plan that will give the Committee something definite to do and which will leave the ultimate power in their hands.

This is the problem that is before those representatives this afternoon, and it is to them that the whole Institute looks to determine something definite that will better the name of the Institute and its activities in the business district of Boston. It may take time, even many meetings, but the matter should be once and for all thoroughly thrashed out before it is allowed "to sink or swim."

Today marks the final step to establish the Technology Christian Association upon a firm permanent basis. This year, an Advisory Committee of seven men, five of whom are alumni, has been formed, a Graduate Secretary has been secured, committees have been formed and are hard at work, a constitution and bylaws have been proposed and tonight these measures will be ratified by the student body and a definite membership formed. There are no dues whatsoever connected with the membership and no student at the Institute can afford not to join. The aim of the association is to be a strong Christian inspiration toward the making of a better Technology life and dispel your illusion that

the T. C. A. is a mere "milk and water" affair.

Is the class of 1912 alive?

Out of 215, less than fifty have had the gumption to get a ballot and put down their choice of twenty-five for those very important positions on Technical Electoral Committee.

The polls close this afternoon at four. If the class is not dead it is necessary for quite a few to spare a few of their precious minutes and get their ballots in by that time.

Wake up!

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 9.—Forecast for Boston and Vicinity, Fair Wednesday, with moderate winds.

Chicago, Mar. 9.—A great strike has been decreed by the ballots of the union and non-union men on fifty railroads running out of Chicago. The official count of the vote recently taken was announced yesterday afternoon. It shows that 88 per cent. of the union men and 89 per cent. of the non-union men have voted to go out. The railroads affected extend from this city throughout the West, northwest and northeast. If a compromise is not brought about the labor war which will follow will be one of the most disastrous the industrial history of the country has ever known.

Charlestown, Mar. 9.—Four patrolmen from the City Square police station, Officers Wadleigh, Johnson, Chauncey and McAllister, formed a human ladder and gained entrance to a burning three-story wooden building at 36 Ferrin St., Charlestown, yesterday, and rescued nine occupants from the flames which swept the tenement.

Cambridge, Mar. 9.—A handsome new shell, 61 feet in length, American type, was delivered to the Harvard oarsmen yesterday. It is the gift of Mrs. Robert Bacon and it was built in Putney, England, by George Sims & Sons, the famous boat builders. All seats are directly over the keel instead of being alternately to port and starboard as in the English boats.

Boston, Mar. 9.—After a heart-to-heart talk with United States Dist. Atty. French, which lasted over four hours, George W. Coleman yesterday had the satisfaction of knowing that at least one other person knows the full story of his downfall.

All of the escapades which have been characterized by the lavish expenditure of money not his own, the many stock speculations and the fleecing of the young defaulter, by an unscrupulous gang of crooks, now form a part of the evidence upon which the federal grand jury will act at its present sitting.

The confession of the defaulter was voluntary and, although the federal officials will not say to what extent other persons were implicated, it is known that information was given by Coleman which will lead to the throwing out of a dragnet which will result in further sensational disclosures.

Wellesley Collegias will no longer be permitted to take long walks in the evening. The student governing body, an organization entirely free from faculty control, has issued a "curfew" order requiring undergraduates to be within the college grounds at half-past seven in winter and at eight o'clock on summer evenings.

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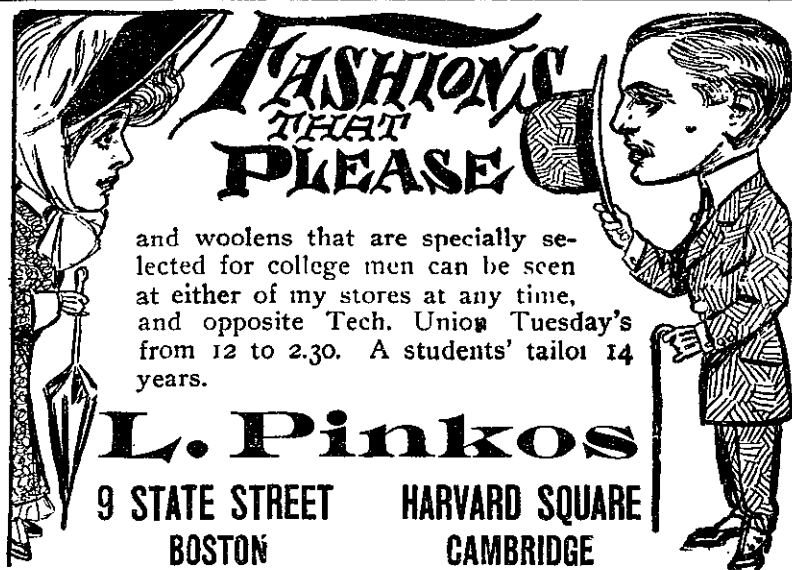
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