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UNDERGRADUATE FINANCES

SEVERAL important changes have been made this year in the organization of undergraduate finances, the outcome of which has been the building up of a well planned system. During the latter part of the term the Institute Committee created a new office, the Treasurer of the M. I. T. Undergraduate Association, who will act as banker of the combined minor activities. With the smaller activities so organized a much better budget system will result. Not only will this change facilitate preparing the budgets, but it will also make easier the preparation of financial reports of these activities.

With these changes in view, the Finance Committee have started in this summer to reorganize in order that the needs and available incomes of the various activities will be figured out before the next school year begins. The chairman of the committee will interview the treasurer of each activity, go over the books, and make sure that the system used is perfectly understood. While auditing the books with the respective treasurers, the chairman of the Finance Committee will go over their budgets for next year. This insures starting the year right, and in view of the fact the income from the student tax will be up to the full intended quota for the first time, it is important that its expenditure be carefully estimated.

KEEP THE INSTITUTE CLEAN

IT was the custom of the old New England housewives to have a general renovating and cleaning period at least twice a year, once in the springtime after the long winter, and again in the autumn. The Institute forces which attend to this matter, however, work on a different principle,—their cleaning period is a perpetual one. There are thirty-five janitors who clean the main buildings during the daytime, and almost a score of them at night. Besides all this, a dozen painters are retained the year around to keep the building spick and span. The Institute's cleaning bill for labor alone for a year amounts to about fifty thousand dollars, while the staff of regular, all-the-year-around painters costs Technology around six hundred dollars per week. This is a great expenditure.

Considering the cost, is it not the duty of the students to co-operate in keeping the buildings in good condition? We hope that the summer students will develop a spirit of pride in the 'Stute which will not tolerate the mutilation of this property. There are relatively few who cause the trouble. Shall the whole of the Technology student body, and all others concerned with the welfare of the Institute suffer because of the thoughtlessness of a few men?

Mr. Smith, the Superintendent of Buildings and Power, who has a great pride in the Institute and who is an authority on all subjects concerning the plant, says that he cannot help being hurt by the way in which some of the students make unnecessary work by throwing refuse and papers about and marking up the walls. Those are high school tricks.

A special cleaning-up and repairing process is now taking place after the ravages due to our war activities. Keeping our plant clean is a costly proposition. Let us all help keep the 'Stute in first-class condition.

Alumni Notes

E. W. ROLLINS '71, HAS BUILT UP INFLUENTIAL FIRM

The banking firm of E. H. Rollins & Sons, of which Edward W. Rollins '71, is president, was one of the most energetic and effective factors in the financial strength of the country during the war, for the Liberty Loan committees of which the Rollins men were chairmen were instrumental in placing one-sixth of the entire Liberty Loan issues.

Mr. Rollins was born Nov. 25, 1850, at Concord, N. H., was graduated from the Concord High School, and from the Institute in the class of 1871. In 1876 he went to Denver, remaining there until 1889 and organizing here his present business. He was instrumental in building up the Denver Electric Light properties. The firm of E. H. Rollins & Sons now has offices in Boston, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and small offices in other cities, dealing in municipal and corporation bonds.

Mr. Rollins spends his winters in California, studying hydroelectric properties there, which his firm has been largely instrumental in financing. He has an attractive home in New Hampshire—Three Rivers Farm, at Dover, with 600 acres of land, 200 acres of which are under cultivation. Ask any Technology man in New Hampshire or Maine about Three Rivers Farm, and they will tell you of the wonderful outings which they hold there every year, with an all day celebration which is an event to be remembered. The farm is at the junction of the Salmon falls and Cocheo rivers, with six miles of water-front. It is one of the most interesting places in the White Mountain State.

Mr. Rollins belongs to many clubs including the Boston Press Club, the University Clubs of Boston and New York, the Brookline Country Club, the Denver Country Club, the Denver Club, the Denver Athletic Club, the Midwick Country Club of Los Angeles, the Technology Club of New York and president of the Technology Club of New Hampshire. He is also a member of the Alumni Council and a member of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.—Boston Evening Record.

MAJOR DAMON '05 RETURNS

Major John C. Damon '05 has returned to civil life and entered the organization of the West Penn Power Co. Major Damon was taken from the 114th Regiment of Engineers for special duty in the Power Section of the War Industries Board. He was born in Concord, Mass., was graduated from the Institute in 1905, and remained there the following year as assistant in the electrical engineering laboratory.

He began his professional experience in the construction department of the Chicago Telephone Company, but soon went further west for construction work on large hydroelectric developments and transmission lines. In 1909 he became connected with the Colorado division of the Telluride Power Co. as superintendent of operation, and in the following two years was responsible to a large degree for the rapid improvement of this pioneer hydroelectric development. In 1911 he entered the organization of the Trinidad Electric Transmission Railway and Gas Co. and was active in the design and construction of its steam plant at Walsenburg, Colo. A year later he entered the engineering department of the Electric Bond and Share Co. which was at that time undertaking the development of the Utah Power and Light Co. After working with his company for a time he went to Utah as assistant chief engineer.

In the fall of 1916 Mr. Damon enlisted in the Engineer Reserve Corps, and was subsequently commissioned a captain. He received training at Fort Leavenworth and was ordered to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. In January 1918, he was transferred to the War Industries Board. In this capacity he was assigned first to study the problems of power supply and transmission in the industrial centres of the east, then was placed in charge of the Pittsburg and Eastern Ohio District of the development and control of the power supply, and the following month was promoted to the rank of major. Major Damon is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and of other engineering societies.

FOWLE '99 FORMS PARTNERSHIP

After having acted as one of the receivers of the Central Union Telephone Company, Frank F. Fowle '99 has formed a consulting engineering partnership under the name of Fowle & Croveth, with offices in Chicago. After being graduated from the Institute in 1899 in Course VI, he served nine years with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in various engineering

capacities, finally becoming manager of the Chicago territory of the long-lines system.

For the next four years he was engaged in the consulting engineering practice with his headquarters in Chicago. He then went to New York, and together with Dr. A. S. McAllister was in charge of the editorial department of the "Electrical World." In 1913 Mr. Fowle assumed the office of editor-in-chief of the "Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers" and resumed engineering practice in New York City.

Early in 1914 he was appointed one of the receivers of the Central Union Telephone Company and served in that capacity until recently discharged by the court. On May 1, he was elected a manager of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He has also recently been re-elected manager of the Chicago Section, Illuminating Engineering Society, and is a member of the development committee of the Weston Society of Engineers.

ACKERSON '06 IS APPOINTED IN CHARGE OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION

Chairman Hurley of the Emergency Fleet Corporation has appointed Naval Constructor J. L. Ackerson '06 to succeed Director-General Charles Piez, in full charge of ship construction, who presented his resignation several months ago. Mr. Ackerson, who has been a vice-president of the corporation, is a practical shipbuilder. He was born in Michigan in 1881, and was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1901. He was assigned to the construction corps after doing service at sea, and came to the Institute for his post-graduate work. He became connected with the Shipping Board as aide to Admiral Capps, when the latter was general manager of the Fleet Corporation.

PROFESSOR GUNN '04, RESIGNS

Professor S. M. Gunn '04, who has been on leave for two years, has cabled his resignation from the faculty of the biological department of the Institute. No explanation of this notice has been received, but it is surmised that Professor Gunn is to enter permanently into public work of some larger kind. Professor Gunn has been in France for the last two years, having been selected by the Red Cross and International Health Board to assist Dr. Livingstone Ferrand in combating infant mortality and tuberculosis in that country. It therefore does not seem improbable that he desires to be free to continue his humanitarian work either abroad or at home.

TWO INSTITUTE MEN MEMBERS OF JOHNS HOPKINS FACULTY

The following Technology Alumni are members of the faculty of Johns Hopkins University:

John Herbert Gregory, S.B. '95, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering. Member, American Society of Civil Engineers. Residence: 120 Roland Ave., Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.

Walter A. Patrick, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, B.S. Syracuse University, 1910; Swett Fellow Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1912-14; Ph.D., University of Gottingen, 1914; Research Assistant, University College, London, 1914-15. Residence: 502 E. 39th St., Baltimore, Md.

AULTMAN '95 IS AWARDED D. S. M.

Brigadier General Dwight E. Aultman '95, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As chief of Artillery of the 5th Corps in operations against the enemy in November, 1918, by his exceptional skill as an artilleryman he was largely responsible for the rupture of the enemy's position and the breaking of his resistance. He is a graduate of the Institute in Electrical Engineering.

GRANDVILLE REYNARD JONES '07

Grandville Reynard Jones of the Class of 1907, died December 22, 1918, while serving as a captain in the Sanitary Corps. At the time of his death Captain Jones was on leave of absence from the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University, where he held the position of Associate Professor of Civil Engineering. Professor Jones received the degree of Civil Engineer at the Ohio State University in 1904, and the degree of Bachelor of Science at the Institute in 1907. He also served as Professor of Sanitary Engineering in the University of Kansas from 1912 to 1914.

The San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association has chosen A. L. Marston, an Institute graduate, to take charge of the educational branch of their work for discharged soldiers and sailors. His work will consist in giving educational advice not only to the eight hundred discharged men who are now members of the San Francisco Association, but also to enlisted men at the Young Men's Christian Association downtown club and to discharged men generally.



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