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ENTER SOCCER

A SHORT time ago, some curiosity was aroused by the wooden frames erected on the cinder-covered field between the main buildings and the Walker Memorial. Inquiry uncovered the fact that the field was to be used for soccer and that a team had already been organized and a schedule of games arranged.

Soccer is one of the most widely popular games in the world. It has a large following throughout Europe, and it is difficult to see why it has never aroused more interest in this country.

At Technology, it should attract a large number of men, for in it lies the opportunity to get some enjoyable exercise, of which most of us take all too little. Besides, there is no reason why the record of last year's soccer team, organized by some of the foreign students, should not be duplicated. This team had a most successful season, winning five out of six games.

At present the Physical Training Department does not accept soccer as a substitute for gymnasium work, but this is probably because the sport is not considered sufficiently well established to deserve recognition. It is, doubtless, a matter of time only, before credit will be given for this work.

It is gratifying, in any case, to see progress being made toward the time when every undergraduate will be engaging in some form of athletics.

LET'S GET STANDARDIZED

THERE has been considerable inconvenience, to say nothing of needless expense, caused by the non-uniformity of the paper used in the different departments of the Institute. The paper used in accounting, while very nearly the same size, will not fit a note book used for chemistry or mathematics, and so it goes, until the poor Tech-man almost breaks the bindings of his Boston bag in a heroic, if vain, effort to make its small aperture swallow such an enormous outlay of pasteboard and paper.

A standardization of the paper used in the Institute would be welcome to all of us.

DR. NATHAN ISAACS ADDRESSES COSMOPOLITAN CLUB TO INVITE MEMBERS OF MENORAH SOCIETY NOTED FOREIGNERS TO SPEAK

On Thursday evening The Technology Menorah Society held its first annual meeting and smoker in the North Dining Room of Walker Memorial and listened to Dean Burton, who spoke on "What the Menorah Society Can Accomplish," and to Doctor Nathan Isaacs of Harvard, former Dean of the Cincinnati Law School, on "The Common Law of the Jews." Both speakers were well received, and made a good impression on the men.

The president of the society, James J. Wofson '20, then outlined the plans for the year, and pointed out the benefits that the men would receive by attending the meetings of the society, which are entirely non-technical in character and devoted mainly to the advancement of the study of Jewish culture and ideals. Refreshments were then served, and the membership campaign inaugurated.

Last Saturday the executive committee of the Cosmopolitan Club met to discuss plans for the year. One of the important decisions made is that foreign professional men (ministers, educators, and the like) who visit Boston will be asked to speak to the members of the society. These men will be asked to talk about their own countries, and what they will have to say will be both interesting and instructive to Technology men.

The club is planning to have a series of dances and smokers which will be open to the entire student body. At these affairs an effort will be made to get more American students interested in the club and also to enroll more Americans. The constitution allows one quarter of the membership to be composed of citizens of this country. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30, when Dean Burton will speak.

Alumni Notes

John Mason Little '68, one of Boston's best known business men, died at his home at 317 Dartmouth Street, after an illness which lasted only six weeks, and which had its beginning while he was at his summer home in Swampscott.

Mr. Little was born in Boston Jan. 14, 1848, and came from one of the oldest families in New England, his forefathers numbering among them Thomas Little, who settled in Plymouth in 1630, and Richard Warren, one of the original voyagers on the Mayflower.

He was educated at the Chauncey Hall School, English High School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was graduated in 1868. He began his business career as a clerk in a drygoods commission house in Boston, later taking up other important interests, chief of which was real estate in this city and the north shore.

Mr. Little had served as vice-president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and president of the Real Estate Exchange. Since 1869 he has been at the head of the Little estate and brought about the construction of the new Little building at the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets.

He was married in 1872, to Miss Helen Beal, daughter of James H. Beal, who died in 1911. He is survived by seven children—Mrs. George L. Clark of Brookline, Dr. John Mason Little, Jr., Mrs. Charles W. Ogden of New York, Miss Grace A. Little, Amos R. Little, Miss Helen Little and Mrs. William E. Whitelock of Marlboro.

PROF. ROGERS HANDS THEATRICAL JOLT TO INTELLECTUALS

"Intellectuals" received quite a jolt when Prof. R. E. Rogers of the Institute of Technology addressed the Twentieth Century Club yesterday on "The Theatre as it is, with some of the Reasons Why," and advised that they "lay intelligence aside and go and support the theatre" since it would be "perhaps the best thing for the theatre and for yourselves."

Lucky Candidates to be Elected During of the theatres were scored for their dearth of pure drama, Prof. Rogers suggested that "one way to get at it is to support it even though you do not approve of it! If you people were at all interested in the theatre, you would be attending a play this afternoon instead of being here," he said. He classified the enemies of the theatre as "democracy, intellectuals and extreme people."

The theatre presenting plays of pure dramatic quality was decided by Prof. Rogers to be an autocratic institution. "When democracy gets the hold, art gets into the hands of cliques," he said, and using the old Guild plays and the mystery plays as an example, he showed that good plays are only attended by the majority when pressure is brought to bear.

He said the large audiences who patronized the mystery plays during the Middle Ages were "due to the fact that the plays were free, that they had a connection with the church, and were backed up by organizations that boomed them. You cannot trust a great mass of people to like what is good."

"Under present conditions a manager who is not in business for his health absolutely doesn't dare to produce a play which will not be what is called a success. Under present conditions he cannot get crowds for a good play and he must be able to pack the theatre all the time. A play which under old conditions half filled the theatre during the week and filled it on Saturday no longer is an economical possibility."

"That is one thing which is fighting against the theatre—to keep a play running at all it must be popular enough to jam the houses, and you cannot get the crowds to a good play. When intellectuals go to the theatre they go because the play is either by somebody known to be a propagandist, or who has made a European reputation, or for two or three reasons not connected with the theatre at all."

As two remedies of present day theatrical productions, Prof. Rogers suggested a municipal theatre supported by the taxpayers just as a library or a museum is supported. He told of such a trial in Northampton where the aldermen tried to run the theatre producing nothing "arty" or foreign. Of course there was a deficit at the end of the year, he said, as there naturally would be. The Aldermen paid the deficit and closed the theatre.

Then he suggested something on a similar line but to be supported by just the group of persons who believe in and would enjoy a certain type of play. That could be done, he declared, by any group who might believe in supporting a theatre to produce French plays alone, or as a Russian series of production is in New York. "The only possible control for the theatre is an autocratic control—with an eye to the box office—and of course with a democratic support," he said.

TECH NIGHT TICKETS ON SALE

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for this big, breezy entertainment. The more important artists in the cast will be Gilda Gray and her six syncopators, Marguerite Farrell, Stewart Bairo, George Jessell, Flora Hoffman, Ina Williams, Clayton and White, Della Darnell, Frank Davis, Freda Leonard, Ted Lorraine, Gladys Walton, Klein Brothers, The Glorias, Thomas F. Tracey, Billie Williams and Florence Elmore.

It was generally acceded in New York that the fluttering flock of gorgeous girls which had been brought to gether for the "Gaities" surpassed in loveliness anything heretofore seen in a musical piece.

CIVIL'S SOCIAL SMOKER TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

Smoker Will Be Attended By Students, Graduates, and Faculty From Courses I, XI, and XV-I

PROF. SPOFFORD WILL SPEAK

A big reunion of all men connected with the courses in Civil and Sanitary Engineering, and the Civil Engineering option of course XV, will be held in the shape of a social smoker under the auspices of the Civil Engineering society. The affair will be held in the North Dining Hall of the Walker Memorial, on Wednesday, October 29, at 7.30 o'clock.

All the second, third and fourth year students, faculty, and graduates of the above courses have been invited to attend, and the officers promise an enjoyable evening to all who attend. The committee in charge has made every arrangement possible to assure an evening pre-ved with a warm get-together spirit, and every opportunity will be given the men to mingle with the faculty and graduates.

The speakers of the evening will be, Dean Burton, and Professors Charles M. Spofford, Charles B. Breed, and Dwight Porter, who will tell the men of the changes in the course, and its future. The talks will be non-technical, and they will be intermingled with jazz selections by a six piece orchestra and musically inclined members and also "smokes" and "eats." Harold P. Etter '20, president of the society will outline the plans of the society for the coming year.

M. I. T. A. A. HOLDS MEETING

The M. I. T. A. A. held a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24, in room 10-250. In the absence of President Paul Anderson '21 vice-president Bawden '21 presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Then Kurtzman '23 representing the soccer teams made an effort to show the association that soccer should have representation in this body. He pointed out that Dean Burton and Coach Kanaly were supporting his plan and showed by statistics that there were about thirty men out for soccer and that teams are being organized. However, Bowden did not favor the plan and Steffian '21, manager of crew, argued that crew was not recognized for three years after the sport was inaugurated and that the association was too short of funds to take the matter up this year.

Acting Manager, Watts Humphrey of the Gym Team was given permission to select managers and assistant managers of gym teams. A motion in favor of building a tennis court in the gym of Walker Memorial and a suggestion to build one on the roof of one of the buildings fell through without any action.

The matter of changing insignia was taken up, and a meeting for the purpose was announced.

RIFLE CLUB GETS FLYING START FOR A BANNER YEAR

Last Friday, the Rifle Club opened its books for members, and judging from the number secured the very first day and the interest shown in this branch of sport, a membership of 150 to 200 is expected. Sign-up books may be obtained any noon from 12.00 to 2.00 o'clock in the lobby or at the range in Walker Memorial.

The range will now be open from 12.00 to 2.00 o'clock with a competent instructor in charge, and the score made at that time will be recorded. During the rest of the day the range will be open to members for individual practice.

Competition for the team is to be started soon. With Skinner, Perkins, Powers, Kearful, and Brambach of last year's team available, prospects for this year are very bright indeed. With the abundance of material available it is planned to put two teams in the field, either a first and second team or else a varsity and a freshman team.

PROFS. TALBOT AND WALKER TO SPEAK TO CHEM. SOCIETY

The Chemical Society will hold its first meeting Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock in room 10-250. Two of the society's best friends, Professors Talbot and Walker will speak and a record attendance is expected. Professor Walker's subject is to be Synthetic Enthusiasm.

Ordinarily the meetings of the society are for members only, but Thursday night is to be an exception and all freshmen who are taking chemical courses are cordially invited to be present. Several trips to neighboring plants are being arranged and definite announcements concerning them will be made at the meeting.

NEW FACULTY RULE STILL A MYSTERY; ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

It is understood that the Faculty has come to a decision on new standards to be required for continuance in the Institute from year to year. Just how these standards modify present requirements has not yet been announced.

Interviewed yesterday, Secretary of the Faculty Merrill intimated that the new ruling would be given out for publication on or before November 1. The Secretary gave no support to the rumor that failure in fifty per cent of the subjects taken during the year will mean repetition of the entire year. The impression is current however that similar measures have been sanctioned.

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