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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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HARVARD BRIDGE IS TO BE REPAIRED.

AT last we have a promise to have Harvard Bridge repaired. No longer shall we stub our toes every third step in crossing to and from the Institute. Heretofore what we have saved in carfare we have spent in shoes.

The Commissioner of Bridges admits that the walks on Harvard Bridge are in a very poor condition. He also states that they have been down fifteen years. They look it. It is high time they were repaired again. Money was appropriated for this purpose, but not enough, we are told. In fact it was just enough to cover the repair of the road bed. May we here inquire whether the Commissioners on Appropriations have ever taken the trouble to walk across the bridge?

The appropriation was not large enough. Is, then, the lack of proper acumen on the part of this commission the reason? If so why are they in charge of the city's funds? Perhaps it is the lack of funds which keeps such an important public utility as Harvard Bridge in a state of disrepair. If this is so, more foresight should be shown in making out the tax budget. If it is the indiscriminate use of funds, again let Cambridge look to its Commission on Appropriations.

Competent commissions are necessary throughout the country. Why not start in Cambridge?

Surely Cambridge has enough civic pride not to resent taxation for such a use as bridge repair. In many, if not most communities, throughout the country, road and bridge repair are of prime importance. Cambridge has improved its roads. But why stop at oads? Improve the walks too. Start on Harvard Bridge.

DO YOU KNOW A TECH SONG?

CAN you sing the Tech songs? Can you sing any of the Tech songs? From the showings that have been made at the dinners and smokers given at the Institute this year, it would seem that the chances are against your knowing even their names.

That such a state of affairs should exist in any college seems unthinkable, but that this condition does exist is an undeniable fact, for the response to a call for a song is rarely more than an uncertain, wavering noise, and this even though the T. C. A. Bibles are resorted to.

The two songs most often sung, "Take Me Back to Tech" and the "Stein Song" both have almost universally known music, and it is certainly no tremendous task to learn the words, even though there be added two other favorite songs, "The Cardinal and the Grey" and "Dear Old M. I. T." It would seem that a student at Technology would make sure to know his songs, if only to save having to answer "I don't know" to an outsider's question "What are the songs of Technology?" Get out your bibles or your song books, and the next time you go to a smoker let everyone around you know you are there.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY AT TECHNOLOGY

A fire was narrowly averted in the dark room of the Architectural Building by the prompt response of the students.

Having duly sat for its picture at Hasting's, THE TECH Board held an impromptu dinner at the "Old Elm."

The Institute Committee formally opened a competition in designs for a representative Technology pin.

The class in American History listened to a delightful talk by President Walker on "some of the effects of the civil war."

COMMUNICATION

To The Editor of THE TECH:—

So far this year college athletics have enjoyed greater success than has ever been known in the history of sports. There is every indication of continued enthusiasm. Are you, by you I mean each and every student now enrolled at Technology going to join in and enjoy the fruits of successful athletics, or are you going to be content to remain as you have been, practically unknown except for a few individual track stars now and then?

It is up to you, men. No coach in the country can turn out a successful team if he has not the whole-hearted co-operation not only of the entire student body, but the faculty and graduates as well. This is our opportunity. Returning from the war, all colleges, large and small, are on an equal footing. The college with the best spirit will reach the top first.

The call is for hockey now. Let every man who has ever seen a pair of skates, who has ever held a hockey stick in his hand, report for the varsity team this winter. We are going to put across a championship team if every man will help. We cannot draft you—you will have to volunteer. Are you going to help start the ball rolling towards putting Tech athletics on the map? Come on—Let's go.

A FRIEND.

PUBLISH EDITORIAL CONCERNING ENDOWMENT FUND

Traveler Prints Interesting Article On Conditional Gifts

The following editorial, which appeared in the "Boston Traveler" Friday, December 12, regarding gifts to public institutions under strict conditions should be of especial interest to Technology men, in that the Endowment Fund comes under this class of gifts:

Fortune's Gifts Are Conditional
Rutgers College, down in New Jersey, is promised \$300,000 on condition that it can raise enough more to make a million. Massachusetts "Tech" is assured of four million from "the mysterious Mr. Smith" provided it can raise a like amount from other sources.

Andrew Carnegie's gifts for the founding of libraries were always conditional on the community contributing something. Every library building he donated was the subject of a contract between "Andrew Carnegie, party of the first part, and the Town of Somewhere, party of the second part."

Thus it is evident that the big philanthropists, eager as they may be to die "poor," refuse to dispense their wealth where they think it will not be appreciated. "Here are my dollars—but you must do a little work to get them," says the man of wealth. And how he does make the would-be recipient hustle around! He can impose almost any condition within reason, and yet his offer will be accepted and its terms carried out to the last farthing.

In thus restricting his gifts, the man of wealth merely takes a lesson from his own experience. Whatever Fortune has given him, however easily and abundantly the good things have come at last, success has been obtained only on the fulfillment of certain conditions. Careful and exacting study, long hours of unremitting toil, denial of luxuries and even comforts—such were the terms that Fortune, hard-hearted maiden, dictated to her wooer.

And it is always the same when men seek success, whether in the winning of wealth, or fame, or popularity, or quiet, unproclaimed attainment of any worthy desire. Conditions are imposed by the very nature of the quest. These conditions must be recognized and met. Mere wishing for success never won it, nor ever will!

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

Hockey Call—There is to be an important meeting of all candidates for the varsity or freshman hockey teams at the Track House at 5.00 o'clock today. The plans for practice and training during the vacation will be outlined.

Physical Examinations—An opportunity is offered to take physical examinations required by the department of Military Science. See box on page 1 for conditions.

Christmas Shopping

Why not make your gifts distinctive this Christmas. Your friends and relatives will get many presents, but you are the only one that can give them a piece of Tech Jewelry. Cigarette Cases, Match Boxes, Rings, Brooches and Lavallieres, all have the Tech Seal in Tech Colors upon them.

And a box of Cigars to the man who signs and sends the checks will not be amiss. We offer no advice in regard to a big box of Page & Shaw's.

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