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## IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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## AN HONORARY SCIENTIFIC FRATERNITY

TECHNOLOGY has long felt the need of some fraternity, corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa in the cultural colleges, which will serve as a goal for those students who desire suitable recognition for exceptional work in engineering and scientific subjects. At present the "greasy grind" is rather prevalent about the Institute, and it is charged that establishing such a fraternity would merely increase their number. Of course, there is some foundation for this charge but we must not overlook the tendency of any body, organized by men with a common purpose, to bring out the social instinct in these men even if their purpose is primarily scholastic.

Sigma Xi, the scientific fraternity most worthy of a place at the Institute, presents certain objectionable features, which should not however serve as grounds for permanently debarring it. Its membership is limited to seniors and graduates who have performed notable research or have demonstrated that they are capable of performing it. This restriction would keep out most undergraduates and those taking only four year courses. Nevertheless there are enough men at Technology who are interested in advanced scientific and engineering research to warrant the establishment, here, of Sigma Xi.

## FARMERS WANTED

DUE to the great shortage of labor, the Farmers Association has been obliged to call upon young college men to work on the farms during the summer. This offer should appeal to those who have not yet made definite plans and who desire to spend a summer outdoors while assisting in an all important industry.

## LOCAL FRESHMEN MAY ENTER PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITIONS

Graduates of Boston High Schools in 1919 Are Eligible

Two competitions in which many freshmen at the Institute are eligible to compete, are being conducted by the Old South ' Association. Four prizes will be awarded in each competition for the best essays on either of two subjects selected by the association.

One competition is open to all who graduated from the Latin and High Schools of the City of Boston in the classes of both 1919 and 1920, while the other is for students in the same classes of similar schools in greater Boston outside the City of Boston. The first prizes will be \$40 with a second of \$25.

The subjects offered are (1) "The Sources of our Knowledge about the Pilgrims" and (2) "The Life, Work, and Influence of Florence Nightingale". Essays may be submitted on both subjects by the same person, but two prizes will not be awarded to the same student. The length desired is about 8,000 words.

The essays must be sent between January 1 and 25, 1921, to "The Old South Association, Old South Meetinghouse, corner of Washington and Milk Streets, Boston. Each essay is to bear an assumed name besides the writer's real name.

## EXPECTS REPORT SHORTLY

Nine sections have yet to send in returns on the freshman constitution, but those that have acted on it have reported 313 in favor to 14 against. The representatives from the remaining sections are expected to turn in reports to the Information Office some time in the near future.

If reports in favor should not come in from enough of the sections before the end of examinations, the constitution will again be put before the class at the beginning of the fall term. President F. O. Billings stated that copies of the constitution are being printed for distribution among the class at that time.

## M. I. T. ORCHESTRA PLANS TO GIVE CONCERT AT NEW YORK

Early next fall after the old members have had a chance to return to the Institute, the M. I. T. Orchestra will hold its trials and will immediately after pick the orchestra for that season. It was hoped that it would be possible to have the trials at an earlier date than the second week, but this has been decided upon as impractical.

Next season the orchestra will depart from its former policy and will make several long trips one of which will take in New York. Besides this major trip, local concerts will be scheduled to fill the week ends. As the plans now stand, two concerts will be given at Walker Memorial.

## Alumni Notes

## BELL '17—THRESHER

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Thresher of Williamsburg, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter Vera Miller to Kenneth E. Bell '17. Bell is a graduate of Course X, chemical engineering, and is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was treasurer of the Chemical Society during his senior year and was a member of the T. C. A. Cabinet. At present he is engaged in research work for the Goodyear Tire Company at the laboratory of applied science at the Institute. After graduating he entered the high explosive department of the DuPont Company and remained there until 1918 when he entered the Chemical War Service, where he served until June, 1919.

## APPOINTED POWER ENGINEER

Vernon M. F. Tallman '14 has been appointed power engineer of Charles H. Tenny & Co., construction engineers, with headquarters at Boston. Mr. Tallman was formerly assistant to the superintendent of distribution of the Worcester Electric Light Company. He is a graduate of Course VI, Electrical Engineering, and at the Institute he was a member of the Electrical Engineering Society, Vectors, Class Day Committee, and leader of the Glee Club.

## BECOMES PLANT CHEMIST

R. L. Comstock '12 has withdrawn from the firm of Brown & Co., of New Hampshire in order to accept a position of plant chemist of the Warner Chemical Company of Carteret, New Jersey. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon and K<sub>2</sub>s and at the Institute he was treasurer of the Chemical society and secretary of the Co-operative Society. He came to the Institute from Colgate University and after doing a year of graduate work he worked as chemist for the Burgess Sulphite Fibre Co., New Hampshire.



Everett W. Vilett of Minneapolis has been chosen manager of the hockey team for next year. He was assistant to Rollin Officer last year and managed the 1922 crew.

One thing is certain. Bevo Brookman was not up to form in that tournament. As a defender of his title which he won last year, he did not become a finalist and in the doubles appeared to be away off his game.

The decision to send Technology's tennis team to Philadelphia for the national intercollegiate is a welcome one. We are wont to believe that the Cardinal and Gray did not show the form it is capable of at Longwood in the New England.

Bill Barron's return should help some. He makes a splendid teammate for Cap Brookman in the doubles. Together they went through the semi-finals at Longwood a year ago in the New England. This year, Barron did not play and Brookman teamed up with Bill Cauldwell.

Dartmouth chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon of which Tommy Earl Thomson, the star Green hurdler is a member, dropped a few bucks on Tommy at Philadelphia, even though their hero did win and bust a world's record. The boys back in Hanover were wagering against the Cornell chapter of the same fraternity that Tommy would win both the timber-topping events, but a chunky lad from the coast breasted the tape a few yards in front of the Dartmouth star wonder in the 220 hurdles.

## COMPLETE INCINERATOR

The renovations that have been made in the small brick building which is midway between building 30 and the hangar are now completed and the place is at present used as an incinerator for rubbish that is collected about the Institute. The main room has been divided in half by a brick wall and while one half forms the furnace, the other forms the feeding room.

The building was built under the government for the storage of inflammable airplane "dope" which was used by the Naval Aviation Detachment while stationed here.

## FILENE'S CONSTRUCT NEW SHIPPING DEPOT

The construction work at the corner of Main Street and Charles River Road in which the commuting students have evinced so much interest is being done for Filene's Department Store and is to be used as a storehouse and workshop as well as a shipping point for the store. Stone and Webster will erect the building and it is planned to complete the work in four months, but due to the continued bad weather, the construction has not been progressing rapidly.

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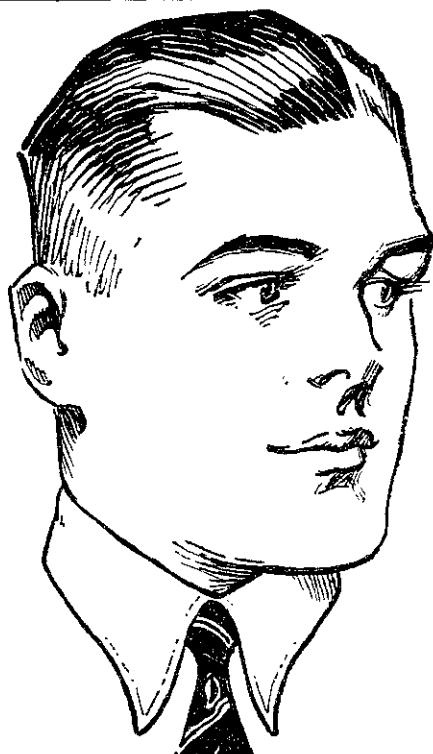
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