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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

TOMORROW is Lincoln's Birthday. Though we do not celebrate it as a national holiday, we should then especially remember the man who brought this country safely through the most critical years of its history. He was a true patriot, one who had faith in the future of democratic government, and who followed his vision. Without his vision and courage who can say where we would be today.

In these days of world turmoil and readjustment it is easy to lose faith in human nature and feel that democratic government is a failure. But if we stop to consider the problems he had to face, we must realize that with leaders who will think of the country before their personal aggrandizement the issues of today must find a satisfactory solution. It is such men as Lincoln we should choose, though we cannot hope to find his equal.

"YES, MR. HOOVER, I HAVE"

WE have all heard of the countrywide appeal to Americans to save the lives of starving children in the war-worn countries of Europe. The call is now made on us. Herbert Hoover has asked the Institute to subscribe to the European Relief Fund.

Other colleges have already given large amounts, so let us show him that Technology men are willing to contribute a substantial sum to such a worthy cause. A dinner to "The Invisible Guest," who represents the childhood of Europe, will be held next Wednesday. As this is a Technology affair, let us all come,—undergraduates, Alumni, and Faculty,—to show our hearty response to this appeal. Remember that every ten dollars subscribed saves a child's life!

LET'S GO

OUR swimmers are up against a tough proposition tomorrow night, and it is up to the student body to get behind them and boost them to the limit. Working under their usual handicap of using a public swimming pool for practice, they have turned out a team which is showing consistent and marked improvement from week to week.

In preparation for this meet, which is one of the hardest on the schedule, the men are devoting a lot of time to extra practice, and are getting ready to show us their top notch of form.

The team has lost but two meets this season, and, these before large and enthusiastic crowds, who are doing their utmost for their home teams. In both these meets there were races where the effect of this enthusiasm was evident in the performance of the swimmers. A lusty yell will make a man forget those aching arms and legs, and he will tax his strength to the breaking point.

This is the first time we have met Brown in Boston, where they will be deprived of the unique advantages which they have in home meets. Paper calculations predict a close contest, and the result is going to depend in a large measure upon whether Technology turns out in full force and gives them that extra ounce of push which will put them over for a decisive victory.

OFFER TRIP TO ITALY

The Italy-America Society is offering a trip to Italy during the summer vacation of 1921 as a prize for the best essay submitted by an undergraduate student of an American college or university on the subject, "Italy's Contributions to Modern Culture." The essay is to be of 3,000 to 10,000 words, and will be judged for mastery of the subject, arrangement, construction, and neatness. Essays must be typewritten on one side of the paper, and mailed before April 15 to Mr. Erwin Smith, Manager, The Italy-America Society, 23 West 43rd Street, New York City.

The Italy-America Society is organizing the tour for college students and instructors, to afford at the least possible expense, an opportunity to see the art industry and commerce of modern Italy. The party will leave about June 29, and is scheduled to return August 22. The price of the tour, \$600, includes ocean and railway transportation, transfer and care of baggage, board and lodging at good hotels, all expenses of sight-seeing, admission to galleries and museums, carriages, automobiles, and every calculable expense connected with the tour.

"ENGINEERING IN EUROPE"
SUBJECT OF C. E. LECTURE

E. J. Mehren, editor of the Engineering-News Record, gave an illustrated lecture upon the present condition of Europe, considered from an engineering standpoint, to the Civil Engineering Society at their smoker in north hall, Walker Memorial, Wednesday evening.

The talk was illustrated by slides made from photographs taken by Mr. Mehren, and brought out some features of Europe generally overlooked by the casual tourist. Among the most unusual were pictures of the railway to the top of the Jungfrau, which goes from the base up practically in the heart of the mountain. Pictures of a coke-fired steam truck which is common in England were also shown.

It was proposed by the vice-president of the society that a dance be held next term. The date has not been decided upon. Members of the society only may purchase tickets, but they may buy them for their friends also.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of THE TECH:—

Last week I had occasion to consult "Industrial Management" on the "Possibilities of Training Factory Help". Imagine my surprise when I found the article and saw that nearly every line was underlined—more often so carelessly done that the lines were entirely obliterated. I turned over the pages and beheld several from which diagrams had evidently been cut. Consequently my search for information was fruitless.

Why this person was reading "Training for Factory Help" I can't see—he needs more training than any factory help ever did—but perhaps it isn't possible to train him.

It occurs to me that it is doubtless the same person who broke the electric light fixture in the Walker Memorial Lounge. I just wish you had set on him harder in your editorial in last Friday's issue of THE TECH.

Yours truly,

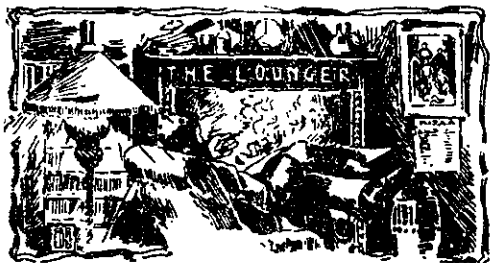
B. G.

SOPH HOP A SUCCESS

The Soph Valentine Hop, which was held last night in Walker Memorial, ranks as one of the most successful and enjoyable Technology dances given this season. One of the novel features of the affair was the serving of supper after the stroke of midnight had brought the dancing, which began at 8 o'clock, to a close.

This arrangement of the evening's program which included the continuation of festivities until 1 o'clock, was made possible by the timely mitigation of the ruling which makes 12 o'clock sound the death knell to all entertainments held in Walker Memorial.

The patronesses were Mesdames Aydelotte, Cunningham, Massey, Passano and Rogers. The committee in charge consisted of Denton Massey, E. A. Adams and M. N. Waterman. The decorations were tastefully designed and conformed with the valentine idea contained in the name of the dance. The music was furnished by Bert Lowe's orchestra.



The trend of the times is downward. While this applies mostly to prices, the Lounger's cash account has felt the keen thrill of the toboggan too. Its latest push was from the hand of the perpetrators of the Hoover dinner.

Thompson's charges forty cents for a ham sandwich but Herb goes them one better and gets five dollars for a bowl of stew de boeuf. If Hoover is successful in selling tickets to this dinner it almost looks as if he might sell subscriptions to THE TECH.

During the cocoa the Combined Musical Clubs will sing the drinking scene from Avalon. The committee thought it best to have music because there will be no soup.

After Hoover gets through feeding Armenia and Dorchester he will come to Cambridge and conduct a special table in Walker for the Cosmopolitan Club, where they can review their internal troubles with their hash and save THE TECH colms and colms and colms of good type. The writers of the three recent communications used their heads in getting out the same—the product was three colms of lead, and the Lounger was forced to retire to his easy chair before the roaring fire and let the dust accumulate on his favorite Oliver.

Whoever sits next to the invisible guest will not be troubled by that curse of all banquets, the lack of elbow room. The Lounger has found it rather embarrassing at some dinners to be carefully manipulating a forkful of pea soup toward its true goal only to have a neighboring elbow quickly charge in and deposit soup, fork, and all in his left eye. The Lounger's right orb is still unmarked by soup stains.

The subject of a Hoover dinner under the old regime in Walker would have given The Lounger plenty of opportunity for wheezes on our dining service but under the new he pauses and rises only with the greatest of trembling to remark that those who are wondering now how the Walker dining service can afford to donate the food to the dinner will cease their wondering after the dinner is over.

L-L-L-L

Walter Cox, the famous driver of race horses was born in Epsom, New Hampshire. Maybe that explains why Walter is always in the running.

L-L-L-L

The Schoolmasters' Association met at Steiner Hall last night and discussed abstruse topics. With an Einstein on the table.—Boston Transcript.

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OFFERS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Professor William Emerson, head of the Department of Architecture, has announced that two scholarships have been offered for the scholastic year 1921-1922 for special students in the fourth year in Architecture.

This will be decided by a competition in design under the direction of the committee of design of the Department of Architecture. The competition is open to United States citizens of good character between the ages of 21 and 28 years. The competitors must present evidence of knowledge of drawing and descriptive geometry and should have had at least three years of office experience. The competition will close next July and the competitors may prepare any design whatever, which conforms to the conditions of the requirements. The designs must be sent to Boston for judgment. Applications should be sent before May 1 to Professor Emerson, 401 Boylston Street, Boston.

NOTICES
for Undergraduates

The Advisory Council on Athletics meets tonight at the Engineers' Club, 2 Commonwealth Avenue, at 7.30 o'clock.

Members of the Musical Clubs are asked to be at the gymnasium at Sargent School at 7:45 o'clock tonight for the second concert of the year at Sargent.

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