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THE DANGER OF TECHNICAL STUDY

THERE is a particularly cogent example for Institute men in one act of Ben Hur. After he had been rowing in the galleys for some time he found that his physical development was becoming uneven from manning an oar always on the same side of the ship. Though he was shackled to his bench he succeeded by appeal to the master of the slaves in being shifted to the other side of the vessel. This change prevented his strengthening one side of his body at the expense of the other and becoming one-sided in his muscularity. And the subsequent feats of extraordinary hardihood and agility which distinguish him amid a host of fictional Samsons were rooted in the balanced development of his frame.

A serious menace here at Technology is based on the unmixed scientific courses which are pursued. We surrender the best of our time and thought to science with damaging neglect of liberal studies. And in some regards we are in sorrier case than Wallace's galley-slave. We are bound to immutable courses, we cannot shift. The mere rising and setting of the sun is no measurer of our working day. Every hour is not without its "sixty seconds worth of distance" to be run. It is easy for us to let our work forge a chain upon our lives and keep us from all other interests. That is fatal as it narrows and trammels the intellect and ultimately cripples the man. The world seeks the balanced man. Men of mere technical education are cheap—thousands of them never pass the \$3000 mark. These are lop-sided in their attainments like galley-slaves who row a lifetime on one side of a ship and become incapable of doing anything else. They become imbedded in drafting-rooms or shackled to clerks' desks and never rise above the wage of bare board and clothes.

The remedy or preventative, like all the worth-while things of life, demands its price of effort. We must ourselves supply this want of broadening and humanizing influence. What little time we have to spare we must employ to studied advantage. The reading of fine books, attendance on good plays, and association with cultivated people will help us keep the proper sense of proportion between the specialties we study and the world at large. As Wordsworth almost said, "The work is too much with us, late and soon." And we must be on our guard lest we warp and dwarf our sympathies with liberal arts. To prevent the narrowing of our vision to a five-foot shelf of text-books and the limiting of our thoughts to a restricted technical field and the preclusion of the enjoyment of one's own mind that comes from a wide range of knowledge and experience we must seize with avidity all opportunities to bring into our daily life the literary, the artistic, and the human phases of the world.

BASEBALL

BASEBALL at last bids fair to get a start in the right direction at the Institute, and success depends upon the results of the attempt now under way to produce a first-class freshman team. Instead of being a hit-or-miss aggregation of players, as has too often been the case here in the past, this year's 1924 team will start its career under the supervision of two upper-class men, with a definite financial budget to rely upon. Games are scheduled with freshman teams of colleges of the first order, and with leading preparatory school teams in the vicinity. If the class shows sufficient interest in the sport, the present coach, an Institute Senior, will be superseded by a professional, putting the team fully on a level with other college freshman teams.

The success of this project is in the hands of the men of 1924. If it is their desire to put baseball at the Institute on a firm foundation, which may lead in the future to a varsity team, they now have the opportunity to give it a good start.

A NEW HARVARD BRIDGE

THERE have been rumors recently of a new bridge to take the place of the present Harvard Bridge. The plan, as proposed, is to erect a suitable bridge across the basin, with an imposing granite arch in the center, as a memorial to those who gave their lives in the Great War. Such a plan should be heartily endorsed by all. Massachusetts Avenue, with its ever increasing traffic, must soon have a bridge with greater capacity than the present one for connecting the two cities, and what site could be more fitting for a memorial to those who gave their lives for us than the broad waters of the Charles River Basin?

SHOES, SOX, TIES NOT REQUIRED AT PRINCETON

(By E. I. N. A.)

Freshmen at Princeton are no longer required to wear black ties, sox, and shoes. All other restrictions still remain in force, so that there is no danger that young hopefuls at Nassau will be cold during the rest of the wintry month.

Williams College comes to the fore in instituting a new course in political science which will be given next July. This is the first summer course to be given by a Massachusetts college in politics, and is open only to teachers and advanced students.

The Princeton athletic teams have been going strong during the last week, winning all meets but three, one of which they tied with Technology in the triangular gym meet, the other two being basket-ball games lost to the Catholic University of Washington and to Dartmouth.

OLIVERS SILENT

Newsmen Desert Office for Basketball Floor

Hostilities have been resumed. The armistice has been suspended. THE TECH and The Tech Engineering News, living in relations of peace and brotherly understanding for over a year, have severed connections. The two publications will meet on the field of battle Thursday evening, when the writers will temporarily abandon the pen for the basketball. It is rumored that the bout will be staged under the auspices of the S. P. C. A.

Both teams are of first class caliber, but the news hounds of THE TECH have a slight advantage over their rivals, due to the fact that they have been training daily under the supervision of Coach Nap Boutellier. Marquis of Queensberry rules will govern the fight, which will consist of two fifteen-minute rounds. The starting gong will sound at 7:30 o'clock on Thursday evening in Walker gym.

The Churchman Afield

At the lecture last Sunday given as one of a series conducted by the T. C. A., Edward Pulling, of last year's graduating class at Princeton, addressed his audience on "Man's Course in Life," and brought out his views by a comparison to a ship at sea. He explained how the compass and sextant serve to guide the mariner and similarly it was necessary for man to be guided through the influence of God.

President G. E. Fargo '21 of the T. C. A., has appointed M. S. Dimmock '22 to be the director of the boys' department. Twelve men are now engaged upon this work weekly and several more calls have been received for work in this line. Those interested may see the department director at the T. C. A. office Friday between 11 and 12 o'clock.

P. K. Bates '24 and H. R. Stewart '24, have been named by Bernard Gasser '22 as assistant business managers of the "Tech Bible." More freshmen and Sophomores can come out for this branch of the T. C. A.'s work, these men to report at the T. C. A. Saturday from 11 to 12 o'clock.

Nearly 400 heard Dr. William H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University lecture on "Collectivism of Religion" at a mass meeting for Boston College people at the Unity House last Sunday evening. The meeting was under the auspices of the Unitarian Layman's League and the Young People's Religious Union. The program also included music by the Symphony Quintet and Layman's League Chorus and refreshments. The arrangements were in the hands of a committee composed of three representatives from the following colleges: Technology, Harvard, Boston University, Tufts, Simmons and Radcliffe.

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

Eugene Nebolsine, M. I. T. 1920, will give a lecture in room 4-231 tomorrow evening at 5 o'clock on Russia and the East, entitled "A Trip From Petrograd to Rangoon", illustrated by lantern slides.

The meeting of the British Empire Club, scheduled for last Friday was postponed on account of the hockey game. Dr. Tryon, who was to have spoken at that time, has consented to speak at the next meeting of the club.

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