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THE EDITOR SAYS:

We understand that the Faculty plans to sit on the grades next week. We hope they sit easily and on as few of us as possible.

THE INSTALLATION OF DR. NICHOLS

THE exercises of today mark the opening of a new regime and "the fair beginning of a time." The Institute was long in replacing its late President, but at last the choice has fallen upon a worthy successor, and Dr. Nichols begins the duties of that office with the enthusiastic confidence of everyone connected with Technology. His eminent qualifications for the position are well known as well as his standing and achievement in the scientific world. With great pride THE TECH sees the new leader assume his responsibilities. And with that pride is an optimistic certainty that the wisdom of the trustees' selection will be evidenced by a great advance under the guidance of Dr. Nichols.

The exercises which mark his installation as President are a welcome and an expression of confidence. Unity of command is essential to success in any undertaking and such unity is only to be had by giving jurisdiction to one captain. This centers responsibility for success and failure on one man. In return for the acceptance of this responsibility, a leader is due the generous support and unflinching confidence of his subordinates. Without that, no matter how great his personal talent and how untiring his efforts, his services are seriously handicapped, even to the point of failure. Today the Institute welcomes a new head and gives over to him control of its affairs. Mixed with a strong and cordial welcome, the dominant note of today's exercises should be an expression and a pledge of unflinching confidence and lasting pride in the new President of Technology.

THE VACATION PROBLEM

EVERY year, after the examinations are over, there enters the thought into the overworked mind of the undergraduate, that he is in urgent need of some form of relaxation, both mental and physical, and that, failing this altogether vital necessity, he will surely lose his mental balance. Perhaps the undergraduate is not an unbiased judge of his own condition; perhaps he has exaggerated his accomplishments in study and other activities; nevertheless, the most confirmed educational reformer will admit that one year at Technology, without a numerical vote from the Faculty, is strenuous and, to say the least, is somewhat fatiguing to the brain.

Having settled this question, the problem is to choose the most profitable way of spending the vacation; a way that will enable the student to return to his studies in the fall, full of ambition and brimming over with live enthusiasm. Of course, there are many who have the question settled for them, either by the Faculty or by parental opinions; but there remains to the large majority the task of selecting their summer pursuits.

From the standpoint of efficiency, the best way to spend the summer is in working at some healthy, outdoor occupation, which, in developing the physique, will relax the mind, and at the same time will recuperate the frayed and ragged finances. If it is impossible to secure a good position from this stand-point, the next best thing is to choose some pursuit which differs as radically as possible from sweating over heat problems or pouring over hydraulics. There are men who advocate a summer of leisure, spent in idle pursuit of dainty satin-clad debutantes, others prefer a summer spent in the company of denim-draped ditch-diggers under the watchful eye of the foreman. But all work and no play is just as bad as the other extreme.

The solution of the vacation problem is a proper balance between work and play based on the personal equation of the individual. But whatever the occupation a man chooses, be it salesman or surveyor, milkman or miner, if he returns to the Institute next fall, full of determination, ready to put his nose to the grindstone and get the utmost out of it, his answer to the summer occupation question has proved correct.

DORMITORIES

"WHAT sort of a place will my son find to live in if he comes to Tech?" This was the question asked the other day in the office of THE TECH by a man who, twenty odd years ago had been a business manager on our paper. Every man in Technology who has gone out on the annual search for rooms and paid high prices for a "third floor back" and who has had to live without the association of but one or two close friends knows the answer we gave.

He next asked about the morals of the men at the Institute. Here we felt safe in saying that they were of the best. The best, not because of the right kind of living conditions but because the average man in Technology has not time for wrongdoing.

All over the land thoughtful fathers, loyal to Technology, yet anxious for their sons are asking these same questions. The solution of the one problem and the maintaining of the standard set by those who have gone before constitute two of the most important problems of our new President and our new Dean.

T. C. A. EXHIBITS

Graphic Representation of Year's Work on Display

On display this morning in the basement of Walker Memorial is a graphic representation of all the work the Technology Christian Association has been doing this year. Posted up on a big blackboard are the exhibits of the various departments of the organization, consisting of specimen letters sent out, reports received, and general information.

Allocate \$18,136 Worth of Work

During the past season of 1920-1921, the T. C. A. furnished 1300 Technology students with rooms, and the exhibit shows sample advertisements placed in the Boston newspapers and the number of replies received.

Handbooks, commonly called the "Tech Bible", were distributed to the extent of 1500. These contain useful information about the Institute and its surroundings.

The Book Exchange has performed good service in selling \$1925 worth of books to and for students. Four hundred and sixty freshmen were supplied with advisers. As leaders in Boys' Work, 19 men served weekly in Greater Boston.

Along the lines of industrial service, 22 fellows spent part of their time every week in factories, where they gave instruction in various subjects, to foreigners.

The Undergraduate Employment Bureau, which lately has taken over from the Institute's Department of Industrial Co-operation and Research the distribution of jobs, has been able to secure work for 476 men which had a total value of \$18,136.

Eddy Meetings Popular

In the way of giving assistance to the foreign students at Technology, special attention was shown to 254 students here from 37 different countries, by the special department created by the T. C. A.

Industrial and social problems were thoroughly discussed at a three day's lecture series given in Walker Memorial by Sherwood Eddy, the prominent college welfare worker, whose services the T. C. A. obtained. At this time, April 12-14, 3100 undergraduates attended the meetings.

DEAN GIVES FAREWELL ADDRESS TO SENIORS

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English Department also spoke. The toastmaster was R. H. Smithwick, president of the class.

Mr. Little made the opening address. He told how the Alumni of such an Institution as Technology made the reputation of the school, and gave several striking examples of this fact. He went on to state that, although the field of engineering seemed to be filled, there are still many opportunities for the trained thinker, and the reward comes to such a man when he overcomes the difficulties confronting him.

Sets Crowd in Humor

Professor Rogers began his talk with his usual witticisms and set the crowd in a good humor immediately. He said that, although he had been warned, he had neglected to write the usual words of warning and advice. In place of this he substituted a piece of literature, a poem patterned after Kipling's "If" in which he gave the qualifications of the Institute's Dean.

Dr. Nichols began his speech with a history of Dr. MacLaurin, telling of his merit and its discovery, and his subsequent election to the presidency of the Institute. He said that he could not feel to be the president of Technology, but its step-president, and he hoped to keep the trust that devolved upon him in the best possible way. He went on to congratulate the men who were graduating and to say that he wished that he could have had a longer acquaintance with them.

School Points Out Way

He, too, reiterated the fact that although there was a scarcity of

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

Chaperones for the Prom will require tickets. These may be obtained at the door at fifty cents a piece.

No tickets will be required of Seniors at Class Day. All others must have them.

Students will assemble today in the Walker Gym, from where they will march down to the inauguration exercises.

After June 11, the date on which the Walker Memorial Cafeteria closes, the entire Walker Memorial will be closed for the summer, with the exception of the East and West Lounges which will be open until 5:30 o'clock daily.

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