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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

S. H. Hemenway.....H. F. Cotter

The Editor says:

There's a new coating of tar on our parade grounds. It will prove a good investment if it prevents our shoes from absorbing as many cinders in crossing as heretofore.

THE YEAR BEGINS

Grammar school always opened with flowers on teacher's desk and all the children much excited. Early in the day the pupils were regaled with oratory in this style: "Now, dear children, we are going to have a happy year. You must work hard and do well. Remember I am your friend as well as your teacher and I hope you will love me as a friend." The little girls were softened by these kind words but the tough little boys always winked at each other when this verbal olive branch was extended and rolled "spit-balls" under their desks. The struggle was on.

High school could not begin its curriculum without an address by the principal for which all classes were assembled in the auditorium. This speech was in substance: "It is a privilege to look into the bright faces of this school. During fifteen years of teaching I have never been so impressed by the appearance of a group of young people. I certainly hope I am not deceived into undue optimism and that you will sustain the good impression you have made upon me by your faithful study." The freshman always sat with clenched hands registering determination but a few of the wise ones seemed to recognize the familiar phrases and make a mental note, "He's easy." The principal went a little further into details and then his charges began their painful journey over the Pons Asinorum, through trisected Gaul, to the College Board Examinations.

Technology does not open; it starts. There is no chapel formation at which the words of wisdom and of light can be given to the wayward and blind. There is no pretense of friendship, no complimentary panegyrics, and no expression of hope for the student body. The faculty provides Tabular Views, with much the same attitude as the old mess sergeant calling, "Come and get it." It is a brisk and business-like way of starting a man's college.

This impersonal beginning is typical of the Institute's dealings with its student body. Be it known to freshmen that men, many men, take their departure from this seat of learning in the same abrupt manner, unwept, unhonored, and unsung. The old "Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin" is now expressed in three votes of the faculty. Every freshman should find out at once the meaning of Votes No. 8, 9, and 10. And possessing that knowledge he should bear in mind that the faculty obey the spirit of the 14th Amendment in applying their judgments to students who, in their eyes, are deserving. Each year the mortality is high.

The warning being given THE TECH now takes opportunity to welcome a new class and greet its old acquaintances and wish all the world's best luck in their work this year.

ALTERATIONS GOOD AND BAD

The buildings and grounds bear many marks of activity during the summer. The Pratt Memorial is now almost completely finished and a beautiful addition it is. The lawns around Building Three have been nicely graded and tended and afford a fair setting to the clean white walls of Pratt. The parking space has been laid out in neat herringbone lines of white sand which delineate places for cars in such a manner that no car becomes blocked behind others. In many particulars the external appearance the Institute has been improved.

One change, however, will hardly find favor with those members of the student body who have enjoyed the erstwhile excellent dance floor in the Main Hall of Walker. It is indeed unfortunate that necessity has forced substitution of the present stone for the old hardwood floor which has given so much pleasure during the past year.

GOT YOUR ROOM YET?

T. C. A. Ready With List of Rooms and Useful Hand-Book

The twenty-fifth annual edition of the "Tech Bible," which is published annually by the Tech Christian Association, has been mailed to 450 members of the entering class, 100 members of the Faculty and 50 advisers, besides being distributed to upper classmen who have made application for it at the T. C. A. office.

This year's edition marks a radical departure from those of former years in its physical makeup. Bound with a silver-gray cover bearing the Institute seal stamped in gold on the front and containing 136 pages, it is enclosed in a black leather card case upon which is stamped in gold the letters "M. I. T."

Contains Useful Information

This book contains greetings to new students by President Nichols, a historical sketch of the Institute, an aerial photograph of the buildings and grounds, songs, class officers, undergraduate activities, churches in Boston and Cambridge, fraternities, societies and clubs, managers of athletic teams, constitution of the T. C. A., point system, and space for memorandum, addresses, telephones, and recitation schedules.

Continuing the system inaugurated in former years, the T. C. A. is providing an up-to-date room registry where one may find a room for the school year. To facilitate the work this year, printed copies showing the location of the rooms and prices are being distributed to the men interested.

Pastors Co-operate

As the room situation is not as acute as last year, a larger number of rooms are listed this year than ever before, and are readily being taken by incoming students. Last Sunday the pastors of all the churches within one and one-half miles of the Institute made an appeal to their congregations to notify the T. C. A. office of all the rooms which they care to let to students.

While the rush hasn't fully commenced yet, the department of room registry under the direction of H. C. Gayley '22, has secured the co-operation of the entire T. C. A. staff to assist, and expects to place every man who applies, without any great difficulty.

700 Extra Copies

The cost of printing the "Bible," which amounted to \$1,000, prohibits its circulation to all the students, except the freshmen and those entering from other colleges, who receive a copy gratis. It is estimated, however, that there will be about 700 copies available for upper classmen, who may receive one upon application at the T. C. A. office as long as the supply lasts.

TECHNOLOGY'S ONLY ACE AT INSTITUTE THIS WEEK

A. R. Brooks, '17, Editor-in-chief of volume 36, THE TECH, and Technology's only Ace, has been visiting the Institute this week. Brooks had six official and four unofficial victories when he served as Captain in the Air Service in the World War. He has been commanding officer of the first Pursuit Squad at Kelly Field, and is now stationed at the Field Officers' School, at Langley Field, Virginia, working on the bombing experiments which are now being conducted off the Virginia Capes.

While at the Institute, Brooks was the first chairman of the student dormitory committee.



DR. ERNEST FOX NICHOLS
President of Technology

HAND IN YOUR ADDRESS CARDS AND PHOTO EARLY

The Registrar's Office urges that men hand in their Address and Directory cards as soon as possible, as this is the only means there is of locating students, if they are wanted in connection with the work at the Institute, or to get letters and telegrams that may arrive for them.

It is also urged that students hand in the photos that are required as part of the registration. There are so many men at the Institute that these photos are used for identification by Faculty committees, when otherwise it might be impossible to straighten out in their minds whether the man in mind is the one wanted, or another of the same name.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS REMEDY FOR FLUNKS

Should psychological tests be given students who are on probation? This is a question students in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Michigan are debating now.

Professor P. O. Badger of New York University, where the action of Michigan is being agitated, gives the following opinion.

"It seems to me that if a man fails his examination for one reason or another and feels that he could have passed it under other conditions—if he has the opportunity to take a psychological test and passes it—well, then, his excuse was justified; if on the other hand, he fails the mental test, ten to one he would have failed his specific examination in any case."

On the other hand, other professors have been just as emphatic in the opinion that "Psychological tests are all foolishness."

In view of 8400 F's at \$5.00 each, this method might prove of benefit at the Institute.

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

A list of section assignments for first and second year men will be posted on the bulletin board soon for the benefit of the men who have forgotten what section they were assigned to.

Revised Tabular Views for third and fourth years, are available at the Information Office this morning.

Important annual meeting of athletic team captains and managers will be held at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning, Oct. 2.

Meeting for all new students Monday, Oct. 3, at 1 o'clock, in Room 10-250.

Freshmen may call for their uniforms in the basement of Building One on or after October 3, providing they have made the deposit of \$30.00. All freshmen not excused officially will be required to take the course in Military Science.

THEATERS

PLYMOUTH: "The Claw," with Lionel Barrymore. A fine piece with superb acting in which Irene Fenwick shows how to break a man's soul. Rather thin as a play, but Lionel Barrymore wonderful, as usual.

HOLLIS: "The Wren," the delightful Helen Hayes in Booth Tarkington's whimsical comedy. Amusing and perfectly played.

TREMONT: "Lady Billy," with Mitzi. Isn't that enough? And the music is very good.

WILBUR: "Whirl of New York," a regular Winter Garden girl and music show. Hilariously funny.

SHUBERT: "Tickle Me." Frank Tinney in a lively musical comedy.

COLONIAL: "Town Gossip," Ned Wayburn's musical jamboree with plenty of girls.

KEITH'S: Fine vaudeville featuring the one-act play "Temptation"; seven other big acts.

MAJESTIC: Eleven acts of Grade A Vaudeville.

COPLEY: "Getting Married," a comedy by G. Bernard Shaw. To be reviewed later.

ST. JAMES: "The Hottentot," Boston Stock Company in an amusing farce of complications at the racetrack. Brisk and clean.

SELWYN, formerly PARK SQUARE: "The Three Musketeers." Douglas Fairbanks at his best in a marvelous production.

GLOBE: "Way Down East." The greatest melodrama yet screened.

FENWAY: (Wed.) "Footlights," Elsie Ferguson in a vivid and intensely dramatic story in which a staid New England girl is transformed into a Russian temptress.

"The Road to Ambition," in which Conway Tearle shows how to battle and overcome the obstacles of life. Thurs., Fri., Sat.) "Cappy Ricks," Thomas Meighan in a Jack Dempseyish role in an interesting story of the Pacific Coast and points west. "Peggy Puts It Over," Alice Calhoun in a comedy on life in a small town.

TREMONT TEMPLE: "Over The Hill," a sentimental story showing a cross section of Home Life. Well done.

PARK: "The Affairs of Anatol," a constellation of movie stars—among them Gloria Swanson, Bebe Daniels, Wallace Reid and Monte Blue.

Basketball Badinage.

Kansas paper: "Billsburg's basketball Belles beat Burlington's basketball Beauties. Blondes, brunettes, beautifully bedizened by basques, bloomers, belts, buttons. Bugle blows—bout begins—backbones bend, bodies bump, buttons burst, belts break. Boosters bellow boisterously. Beauties buffet ball briskly, but bouncing Belles bear battle's brunt by busy bursts beyond blocking. Both bunches battle bravely, but Belles, being better bumpers, beat Beauties badly. Bravo, Billsburg Belles, bravo!"—Boston Transcript.

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