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THERE has always been a certain peculiar and bleak coldness which seemed to permeate Technology's atmosphere since the time when the Institute was moved to its new site in Cambridge. This coldness is natural to all new buildings, even though it furnishes an austerity which underlies the beauty of their appearance.

The Blasfield murals which were unveiled at the Alumni banquet Saturday night will take much of the coldness out of the atmosphere here, especially of Walker Memorial. Aside from being a distinguished work of art, their magnificence and the nature of their subject cannot help infuse into our environment a grandeur which has heretofore been quite entirely lacking.

There is a sentiment of melancholy and hollow reverence attached to the buildings of an institution like Oxford which comes only after many decades have elapsed and picturesque traditions have been gradually built up. This kind of an atmosphere Technology cannot hope to be enshrouded in for many years to come. Its buildings are yet new, and they will be new for several future generations. But its newness will slowly disappear. The smell of plaster and still damp walls which is so characteristic of every stone edifice which has just been erected will some day be succeeded with a more earthly air of ancientness, perhaps even of decay, and then Alma Mater can claim her own. She will be regarded with more than the unpropinquitous glibness with which we behold our slide-rules and excuse ourselves from reverence through the materialisms of science.

The metamorphosis of our environment has already commenced. With the mural paintings in Walker Memorial that spirit of antiqueness which will some day be cherished by all Technology men as a part of their Alma Mater has been given birth. It is now only at the beginning of its embryonic development. But it exists. And it would seem that Walker Memorial like a fond parent, is to enjoy more quickly its matured sentiment.

POLITICAL CLUBS AT TECHNOLOGY

WHEN Oscar Wilde once said, "What's a temptation for except to be succumbed to," he phrased a question and suggested an answer. Probably the Democratic leaders at Technology were not thinking of that particular quotation when they realized that the Republicans had tempted them into championing their favorite party, and perhaps it was not that they succumbed to the temptation, but more exactly, they accepted the challenge.

It is both fortunate and desirable that we should have here two organizations, however elemental, which will serve to promote interest and participation in the approaching political contest. That interest in political thought here is not to a fairly high degree superficial, remains to be proved, but perhaps the recent object lesson was sufficient to show the tyros wherein their method was wrong.

It is not to be expected that the immediate effects of this political agitation will be contributory to the success or defeat of either program, but the men here can be real factors in political activities in their more mature years, and the present opportunity to participate should be appreciated by every man who is capable of formulating an opinion of his own, and who is desirous of cultivating his own political interests under extremely favorable conditions. It is more than an opportunity, it is a responsibility. Almost an obligation.

To those who will not be qualified to vote because of age it may be said that their participation is solicited on a par with all others. We must have a real fight, let every man take up his standard and assert himself.

The TECH takes great pleasure in announcing the election of Charles Rich '26, O. B. Robinson '26, T. W. Owen '26 and C. H. Barry '26, as Night Editors; and of C. J. Everett '26 as Assistant Treasurer, and regrets to announce the resignation of D. M. Schoenfeld '24, G. Y. Anderson, Jr. '24, S. H. Caldwell '25, E. H. Long '25, E. J. McGrew '26, and P. K. Bates '24.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

HARVARD FRESHMEN FAVOR VOLSTEAD ACT

In a recent debate at the Harvard Debating Club a vote of two to one was taken in favor of the Volstead Act rather than an act allowing light

wine and beers. Sometime next week a referendum will be held at Harvard on the question of prohibition. A

TAU BETA PI AT YALE

A chapter of Tau Beta Pi Association, national honorary engineering society, was established recently at the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale. Dean Warren, of the school, was initiated as a charter member.

ATHLETES LONG LIVED

from the
"HARVARD CRIMSON"

Mr. W. H. Geer, Director of Physical Education at the University, has accepted an invitation from Mr. L. I. Dublin, head statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, to cooperate with him in compiling detailed statistics on the longevity of college athletes.

The question of lasting benefits and injuries from intercollegiate competition has been dealt with chiefly in generalities in the past, but Mr. Geer has investigated the situation scientifically. At the annual conference on December 29 at Atlanta, Georgia, he announced the results of his investigations. He gave figures showing the percentage of deaths among the 528 "D" men in rowing, football, baseball, and track who were engaged in competition prior to 1900. These he compared with the figures for the average young man accepted for life insurance over the same period. His statistics, limited though they are to Harvard University alone, give fairly conclusive proof that the average college athlete has a higher life expectancy than the average young man accepted for life insurance.

Mr. Geer's figures give the actual deaths of the group of Harvard athletes and their comparison to the expected deaths, as revealed by life insurance tables. In every sport the rate favors the athlete. The statistics are as follows:

	Number of lives of athletes	Number of lives of average young man	Ratio of actual to expected deaths
Crew	159	67	96.52
Football	130	48	49.32
Baseball	123	38	55.29
Track	115	26	36.04

"I happen to know," said Mr. Geer, "that there were several early deaths in the football group where the cause of death had no possible relation to the individual's participation in athletics. This probably accounts for the higher ratio of actual to expected deaths among the football men. The important point, however, is that the ratio even in this group is in favor of the athlete."

Mr. Geer's work is only a beginning. His field of research is admittedly too limited for very definite conclusions. He has, however, given the impetus to an investigation which will doubtless produce most illuminating results. The statistics contemplated by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company will take in seven or eight leading colleges over a period of 25 years prior to 1905. If these statistics substantiate those of Mr. Geer, the charges against intercollegiate competition as detrimental to its participants should be quieted, and the tendency toward the so-called athletic heart should be reduced to a myth.—The Harvard Crimson.

"A PERFECT LADY" AT SHUBERT SUCCESSFUL

"A Perfect Lady" is now at the Shubert Theater. This piece is a new musical comedy that has not even been to New York yet but is a success and should take well when it gets there.

The plot is of a young engineer in Peru who becomes infatuated with the picture of an actress and comes to New York to see her. Her treatment of the situation is rather novel to say the least but he wins out all the same.

Constance Binney in the part of Virginia Araminta Culpepper is the star of the show and has a very pleasing personality and also does some very nice toe dancing. The subleads and the supporting cast are very good and win much applause for their singing and dancing. Some of the music is quite good.

The fact that the show is so new is doubtless the reason for some small breaks in pep but there is no doubt that with a bit more polishing and finishing it will be one of the hits of the season.

P.K.B.

Play Directory

COLONIAL: "Sancho Panza." Otis Skinner.
COPLEY: "Windows." Jewett Players in Galsworthy comedy.
HOLLIS: "The 1st Year." "Comic tragedy of married life."
PLYMOUTH: "Whispering Wires." Thriller good.
ST. JAMES: "The Eleventh Commandment." Melodrama by Boston Stock Co.
SELWYN: "Sweet Lavender." Mild English comedy.
SHUBERT: "The Perfect Lady." Reviewed in this issue.
TREMONT: "Adrienne." New musical comedy.
WILBUR: "Up She Goes." New musical comedy.



It has been a long time since the Lounger has come into contact with Senators. He has been wanting to hear one for some time. Certainly the snatches of their oratory that he has been able to pick up through the newspapers have been forboding of the interesting. Imagine his delight when he found himself seated not more than thirty feet away from him was a real, live, hungry senator the other night. His heart bounded in joy, and each delicate mouthful that the Senator tucked away during the banquet spoke of added eloquence to the youthful Lounger. Yea even a Senator must have his throat oiled for action to speak naught of his palate.

It was at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday night, and the real, live, hungry Senator was none other than the great Moses from New Hampshire. As he announced himself—"Not Moses from the bull rushes, but Moses from Washington." The Lounger was a little afraid that after Dr. Allen Rowe's eloquence perhaps even our distinguished senator might be put at a little disadvantage. But after the first sentence the Lounger admitted Technology's pride hopelessly vanquished.

The scale of oratory was handsomely played. The Senator brought laughs and tears. Made you angry and happy. The Lounger remembers once during one of those hateful diabolical charges against our tariff system nearly biting the end from his pencil as the fury of the Senator's shaking right hand in some mysterious way was transmitted to him.

Like the Senator who always started out with "from the grim majestic mountains of New England to the sunshine and rolling shore of the Pacific, etc." Senator Moses continued to keep his audience twisted around the tip of his tongue. The Lounger would have voted for anything the Senator might have advocated. But the Senator did not advocate anything, except the proverbial tariff speech, and alot the poor Lounger has to say on that. In fact the Senator said very little—but the Lounger has been told that is a very common trait of Senators. His eloquence was excellent, but it was a little like the toy balloon. One had to but touch it and it would explode. But still the Lounger likes to play with toy balloons and hear Senatorial eloquence.

SOPHOMORES TAKE VOCABULARY TEST

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these terms but in many cases it was necessary to make a pure guess.

Professor H. G. Pearson of the English Department, in commenting on the examination, said that it would be interesting to compare the vocabulary of the men taking the English option with that of those students taking the regular course. He was inclined to believe that the former would be able to make a better showing in the quiz.

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