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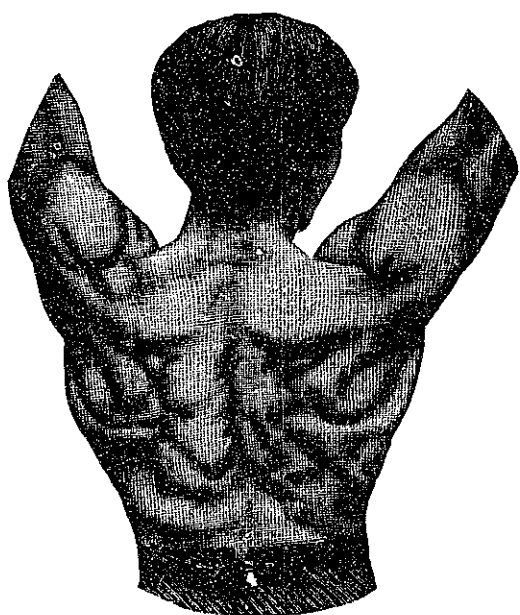
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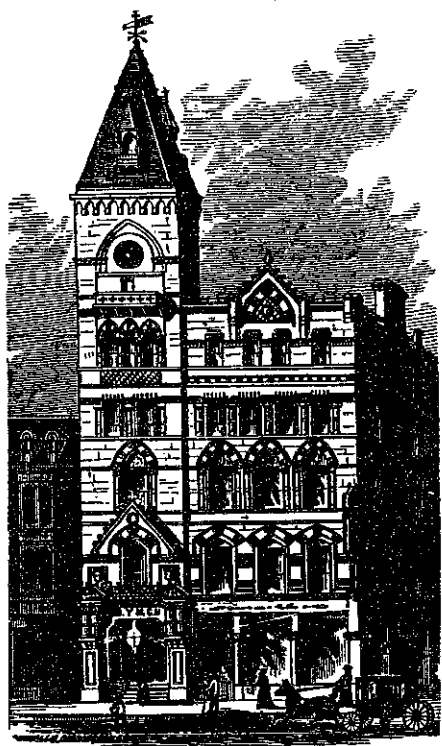
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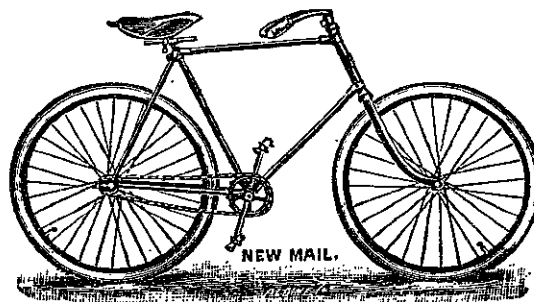
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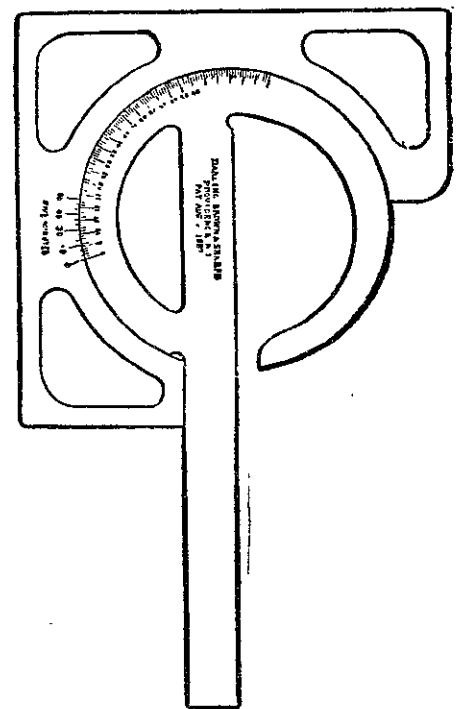
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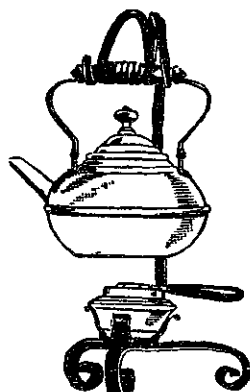
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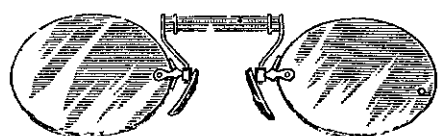
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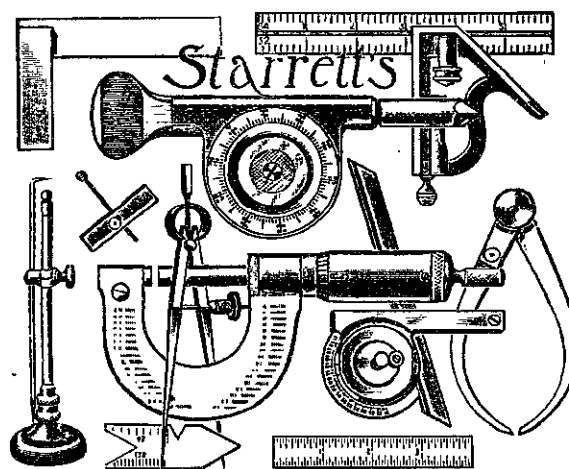
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IN accordance with our promise made in last week's issue, we gladly dedicate this number to the Sophomore Class. Ninety-eight is singularly fortunate in having upon her class rolls many gifted and active men, who from the first have been identified with her interests. The older the Institute grows, the more apparent it becomes that the college spirit here can be best fostered by the class, and Ninety-eight, perhaps, is the body to which, by virtue of its thorough organization, so much of the college enthusiasm of the past two years has been due.

To Ninety-eight, therefore, *THE TECH* extends its best wishes for the future, sincerely hoping that the enviable record which it has so far sustained will be upheld to the end.

THE Brunonian in its account of the recent musical competition at Cambridge, makes the following remarkable statement: "They (the judges) compared the merits of the separate clubs, awarding their decision in favor of the Brown Banjo and Mandolin Clubs, and the M. I. T. Glee Club. It is seen, then, that Brown won the contest, since the score stood 2 to 1." On the ground of ingenuity, this certainly does its author credit; but the honesty of the remark is scarcely so praiseworthy. The decision of the judges was on Vocal and Instrumental Music, and the number of clubs averaged together for each has no more weight than the number of individual men. It may be that the *Brunonian* was ignorant of this fact; but that telltale "&," the sign of an intimate partnership, seems rather to intimate a deliberate quibble on the author's part. The honors in the contest were evenly divided.

"*W*ATER, water everywhere, and not a drop (fit) to drink" is the pessimistic and somewhat surprising expression with which Boston's most intelligent evening paper receives the last report of the Board of Health, wherein are treated some bacteriological investigations of deep well waters made by Professor Sedgwick and Mr. Prescott, of the Biological Department. The statement that such wells may contain more bacteria than certain surface waters, although interesting, is not necessarily a cause for alarm. The critic

should know that the chances are very largely in favor of their being "innocuous vegetables," as harmful bacteria are rare in such localities. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

NOW that the election of the Ninety-eight "Technique" editors is over, Technology men are expectantly awaiting the arrival of the Ninety-seven volume. This, we understand, may be looked for early in April; and not the least acceptable part of the announcement is that the annual will, this year, be issued at the price of one dollar. The efforts of the Ninety-seven Board in producing the book at the figure at which it was formerly sold, are certainly worthy of commendation, and will insure the ready sale of the entire edition.

THE Seniors have been having much trouble with the Class photographer, for which the latter is not entirely to blame. When nearly three quarters of a class of such size rush upon the photographer in the last four days, it can hardly be expected that they can be treated in the most artistic manner. An extension of time has, however, been granted, and resittings *ad libitum* promised. We trust all may yet be well, although the evil effects of procrastination should serve as a warning for future classes.

Calendar.

Thursday, March 19th: Glee Club Concert at Norwood. Meeting of Geological Society in Room 14, at 4.15 P. M.

Friday, March 20th: Glee Club Concert at East Boston.

Saturday, March 21st: Dinner of Yacht Club at Winter Place Hotel. Meeting of Y. M. C. A. Dinner of Chicago Club.

Tuesday, March 24th: Meeting of Biological Club in Room 14, at 4.15 P. M. Lecture by Prof. Van Daell on "Le Misanthrope de Molière," in Room 11, at 8 P. M.

The Sophomore Dinner.

THE dinner of the Class of '98, at Young's on the seventh, was a red-letter occasion. The bill of fare was unusually good and the speeches excellent. The best sort of class feeling prevailed, tinged throughout with confidence of future success on "Technique" matters and in track athletics.

With the coffee President Hall rose, and, after a short address, introduced Mr. Winslow, the Toastmaster of the evening. The programme was a long one and lasted till nearly midnight, but was broken up here and there by music on the mandolin, banjo, and piano, and by the singing of a quartette from the Glee Club. Among the more serious speeches, Mr. Wadsworth's "Technology" was strong and stirring; Mr. Lord's "Massachusetts" inspiring and picturesque. Mr. Alland ably defended the "Tech Man"; and Mr. Willis, in speaking of the class, deplored society feuds, and sketched the true relations between class and college loyalty. Mr. Ulmer commemorated the victory over '99 in the cane rush, and Mr. Grosvenor made a rattling speech on "Worcester." His announcement of his intention to run in the Intercollegiate games next spring, in spite of statements to the contrary, aroused great enthusiasm. In a lighter vein Mr. Strickland touched upon "Freshman Meetings," and Mr. Ward toasted "Co-Eds and others." Mr. Bleecker explained, with the aid of a very apposite anecdote, how "Technique" should be run; and Mr. Gardner delivered a volley of puns under the title, "Technology Organizations." Mr. Wright read a couple of poems written for the occasion.

The menu card was exquisitely gotten up, with a blue '98 on a silver shield to ornament its front cover, and each toast was accompanied by an appropriate quotation. This entire toast list is given below.

The number of men at the dinner, ninety, was creditable considering the size of the class. But the most encouraging feature of

the affair was the spirit of loyalty and comradeship which seemed so unusually strong. The whole tone of the occasion was distinctly higher than that of last year. The growth, in twelve months, of class feeling is quite as noticeable as the immense improvement, during the same time, in oratory and in wit.

ADDRESS BY MR. GEORGE R. WADSWORTH.

It certainly is a pleasure to speak upon a subject which is, or ought to be, so dear to every one of us. Nearly two years have now elapsed since we entered Technology, all, I trust, with the intention of doing much for themselves, and many, I hope, with the intention of doing much for Technology. Each one of us knows to how great an extent his chief ambitions or aims have been realized, whether in athletics, in literature, or in politics; but I say frankly, gentlemen, that in looking at the stand '98 has taken in the various societies and literary and athletic bodies of the Institute, the extent to which these bodies have been successful is in a large measure due to the sturdy and indomitable push of the '98 men therein represented. I say unhesitatingly, gentlemen, that I believe the Class of '98 to have shown more true College spirit than any other class in the Institute.

And yet, that this certain something which we call college loyalty, this desire, which ought always to be present, to see Alma Mater pre-eminent among all colleges, that this spirit is to too great an extent lacking, I feel sad, though bound, to say. Although I feel certain that every man here would do his utmost to further the interests of Technology, yet how many are there in Technology who care nothing whatever for their college, save what they can get out of her? How many men have we seen day after day, with their books under their arms rushing from one recitation to another, thinking of nothing but study, study, study; men who are never

seen at class meetings; and, sad to say, men who will not pay their class assessments. I don't wish to cast any slur upon the student, for by all means let us all be true students; but there is a vast difference between a student, who finds time to do his duty to his college and his class, and a grind. There are too many men at Technology who seem to think that the sole good of a college education is to be derived from books. These men will undoubtedly get their degrees, but they will go out into the world without that broader character which they might have obtained had they so chosen.

And now, fellow-classmates, I propose dear old Technology: may we ever look up to Alma Mater with the firm intention of furthering her interests in return for what we receive from her; and, above all, when we are graduated, let it be said that the class of '98 throughout her career showed herself loyal to Technology, and by that loyalty, instilled into others that college spirit which shall ever tend to make Technology pre-eminent among educational institutions.

EXTRACT FROM MR. ALLAND'S ADDRESS.

I do not mean to imply that the education of the Tech Man is only for the industries, for that is not so. He is educated, I admit, mostly, in the sciences; but that does not make him the scientific instrument that he is so often charged with being by college students. How wrongly these gentlemen judge us! Only recently a student of one of the colleges of culture said to me: "You Tech Men are the personification of science; you think, you act, you live scientifically. Why, when you bow to your lady you calculate mentally the tangent of the angle your hat makes with the vertical. When you pull on your gloves, you place your fingers in the direction of least friction. When you puff your scarf and attempt to give it an artistic curve, you think of the equation of that curve.

And what is worse, when you pop the question, and as you kneel before her waiting breathlessly for the fatal answer, your heart beating nervously in anticipation, even in that supreme moment your mind calculates automatically the length of the pendulum beating the time she has taken to decide to be your most loving and tender . . . sister."

These charges I say are not true. Notwithstanding that our training is a scientific one, we get all the liberal education that a practical man of the world desires. After all, an extensive study of literature, philosophy, etc., should be pursued only by those who have a true and never-dying love for them; and if a Tech. man has such a love, he will have ample time to satisfy it when his profession is learned. But to pursue such a course of studies as do students at non-technical schools is, if not entirely undesirable, certainly very impracticable, unless, to be sure, one is burdened with an oversupply of the latest U. S. gold bonds.

THE FUTURE OF NINETY-EIGHT.

[Read at the Sophomore Dinner by Mr. George H. Wright.]

From year to year we grow apace,
With life's young blood still in our veins;
Gathering strength when in the race,
With not a care for wounds or pains.

We ask what coming years will bring
In trophies rare, or laurels won?
Will care leave free our way to wing
In joyous song, in noon-day sun?

Ah, could the veil be drawn aside,
To see the future's mystic plan,
Our eyes would know whate'er betide,
"The mind's the stature of the man."

Our future's made from day to day,
In duties done, in battles won,
In right and truth and full fair play,
To classmates all and every one.

The ties that bind are words unspoken.
Upheld by love and strength'ning fate,
We'll march with line and aim unbroken
Till goal is reached by "Ninety-Eight."

POSTPRANDIAL.

Toastmaster, Charles-Edward Amory Winslow.

"I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me sad."

Address William Montague Hall.
"So let us welcome peaceful evening in."

Technology George Reed Wadsworth.
"Persuasion tips his tongue whenever he talks."

22-7 George Frederick Ulmer.
"Now are our brows bound with victorious wreaths."

Song '98 Quartette.
G. R. Anthony. F. E. Coombs.
G. A. Hutchinson. G. R. Wadsworth.

Freshman Meetings, past
and present Wm. Randolph Strickland.
"Plot me no plots."

Massachusetts Herbert Ivory Lord.
"I shall enter on no encomium upon Massachusetts; she needs none."

Music Banjo Duet.
F. M. Blake. D. L. Wing.

The "Tech Man" Leon Allard
"He holds the eel of science by the tail."

At Worcester Asa Waters Grosvenor.
"The gifts ordained to grace
The youths contending in the rapid race."

"Technique" John Stearns Bleecker.
"Within that awful volume lies
The mystery of mysteries."

Song '98 Quartette.

Poem George Henry Wright.
"A very pretty poet and a great admirer of easy lines."

Co-Eds (and others) Ward Wellington Ward.
"If eyes were made for seeing,
Then Beauty is its own excuse for being."

Music Mandolin and Piano.
J. S. Barber. G. F. Ulmer.

Technology Organizations Lester Durand Gardner.
"I am not only witty in myself, but the cause that wit is in other men."

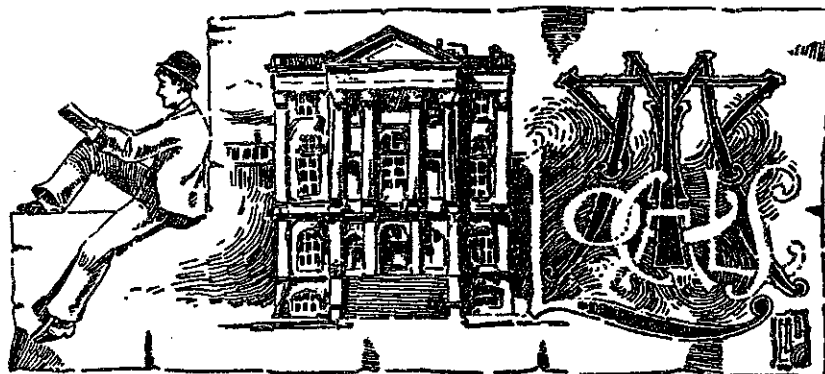
The Class of '98 Raymond Smith Willis.
"Although the last, not least."

Music Piano.
W. L. Learned.

A Student's (?) "Break."

Flunk, flunk, flunk,
In Walker twenty-three,—
And I would that my tongue could utter
The questions he asks of me.
Ah, well for the freshman green
Whose troubles are just begun.
Ah, well for the Junior proud
Who thinks that his work's all fun.
And the "pluggers" and grinds move on,
Their "C's" are secured—they're free.
But with finals flunked my college joys
Will never come back to me.

—M. K.



J. C. Howland, Course I., '97, has sustained an injury to his right ankle.

The '98 Electoral Committee finished its work and disbanded last Friday.

Professor Vogel is giving a course of lectures in German at the Pierce School.

New cases for drawings have been prepared for both Professor Swain's and Professor Burton's offices.

At the meeting of the Geological Club, last Thursday, Professor Barton spoke on the Geology of Hawaii.

Second and third year men taking Volumetric Analysis now have a recitation on Tuesdays from 4 to 5.

The negative results which have been obtained here as to the effect of "X-rays" on Bacteria correspond with those obtained at several other colleges.

The windows in the architectural building formed splendid points of vantage which were not neglected by the excited spectators of the burning Pope building last Thursday.

Dr. Tyler went last week for a brief holiday into the White Mountains, and was detained there beyond the time set for his return, by the floods. Recitations were not suspended.

Dr. Henry Walcott is giving a course of eight lectures in Huntington Hall on "State Medicine." These lectures will be of interest to those studying Sanitary Science.

The Society of Arts held a meeting last Thursday at which Professor Miller spoke. His topic was "Duty Test on the Twenty

Million Gallon Leavitt Pumping Engine at Chestnut Hill."

A portion of the third-year class in Steam Engineering is now at work upon the Allis triple-expansion engine, running it as compound by using only the intermediate and low pressure cylinders.

A series of tests of wrought-iron columns, prepared by screwing flanges upon lengths of steam pipe, has recently been conducted by the fourth-year students in Applied Mechanics, with the aid of the Emery testing machine.

On Wednesday, April 8th, after the regular drill, a competitive individual drill will be held at the armory for the selection of the best twelve individuals to represent Technology at the individual competitive drill next May.

The bulletin board of the General Library, 40 Rogers, contains an account of a number of prizes, amounting to a thousand dollars, offered by the "Plain Citizens," 1 Broadway, New York, for the best essays on various social topics.

Last Friday's *Transcript* contained the statement that Mr. Philip Savage, the son of Minot Savage, would assume the chair of English Literature at the Institute next month. The fact is that Mr. Savage is to come here as an Instructor next year.

A uniform has been provided for the Field Music Corps, which was organized recently, by the addition to the regulation drill suit of a white stripe on the trousers, white belt and shoulder knots, and cord on the cap. The effect is very neat and tasteful.

First student in Physical Geography recitation: "What is that large blue-tinted sheet hanging over the stage?"

Second student: "Why, that's the stereopticon screen."

First student: "Oh, I thought it was a map of the sea!"

Last Saturday, the Y. M. C. A. listened to a very interesting talk from Mr. Sprague of the Boston University. Students are asked to watch the Y. M. C. A. bulletin board carefully, as a number of well-known public speakers have consented to address the meetings during the term.

The theses in Course VII. this year are as follows: C. W. Perley, An Investigation of Certain Points in the Life History of Yeast; J. A. Rockwell, An Investigation of the Air of Certain Public Buildings of Boston from Bacterial and Chemical Standpoints; M. O. Leighton, Certain Phases of Respiration.

The Biological Library received by gift last week a copy of the original paper in which Dr. Thomas S. Savage and Prof. Jeffries Wyman described for the first time the animal named by Dr. Savage the Gorilla. This paper was published in 1847 and contains the first account of the animal, now so important to Anthropologists, with figures of its skull.

Ninety-eight "Technique" Board:—Editor in Chief, R. S. Willis; Associate Editors, C. E. A. Winslow, L. D. Gardner; Society Editor, W. M. Hall; Statisticians, G. R. Wadsworth, W. D. Blackmer; Athletic Editor, G. F. Ulmer; Business Manager, H. I. Lord; Assistant Business Manager, W. G. Zimmermann. Artistic Staff to be chosen later by competition.

The Sophomore architects have received their mentions for the first time during their course. The problem was the rendering of an Ionic Capitol and entablature, and the successful draughtsmen are: First 1st, Burdon, second 1st, Heathman; first 2d, Smith, second 2d, Miss Dozier, third 2d, G. Stevens; first 3d, De Golyer, second 3d, Shroeder, third 3d, Little, fourth 3d, Bergstrom.

The following books have been added to the Library: Harvard—"La France Artistique et Monumentale," in six volumes, beautifully bound; "La vieille France," in two vol-

umes, by A. Robida; "Paris de Siècle en siècle," by the same author. These were given by Mrs. Henry Draper. From S. R. Urbino we have received "Thierleben," in six volumes, by A. E. Brehm, for the Biological library.

On Saturday, March 7th, Colonel Mansfield, of the United States Engineer Corps, lectured to the Freshman Class on the subject of "Coast Defense." After a few words on the subject in general, the Colonel mentioned the defenseless condition of Boston Harbor and told of the measures which are now being taken for its fortification. He also spoke at some length of the use of mortars for coast protection.

At a recent monthly meeting of the Southern Club, Saturday, February 15th, held at the rooms of Mr. A. O. Portner on West Springfield Street, an election of officers was held, which resulted as follows: President, W. H. Keith, '96; Vice President, W. R. Bonnycastle, '97; Secretary and Treasurer, L. L. Gaillard, '97; Executive Committee, R. F. Portner, '96; Chairman, C. C. Fleming, '98; G. O. Haskell, '98.

The Fourth-year Electricals and Mechanicals have recently made a thorough test of the steam and electrical plants of the Charlestown Power Station of the West End Street Railway Co. The test lasted from four o'clock P. M. Friday, March 13th, until twelve o'clock midnight of Saturday, March 14th,—thirty-two hours, the men being on duty eight hours at a time,—and readings of the various measuring instruments were taken every fifteen minutes.

The semiannual election of officers of the Washington Club, which took place at the February meeting, held at the rooms of Messrs. Portner, Muhlhauser and Vogt, resulted as follows: President, Mr. Wm. A. Kent; Vice President, Mr. R. F. Portner; Secretary, Mr. O. G. Vogt. The Club has arranged with Mr. Ulke, a Washington artist, for the design

of a cover for its constitution. Mr. Wightman, '99, has been elected an associate member.

Ninety-eight "Technique" Electoral Committee: R. Allyn, G. R. Anthony, W. D. Blackmer, J. S. Bleecker, E. S. Chapin, F. E. Coombs, H. Fisher, Miss Mabel F. Forrest, L. D. Gardner, W. M. Hall, G. A. Hutchinson, H. I. Lord, S. M. Milliken, J. Nolte, J. C. Riley, E. F. Russ, W. R. Strickland, T. E. Tallmadge, F. H. Twombly, G. F. Ulmer, G. R. Wadsworth, W. W. Ward, R. S. Willis, C. E. A. Winslow, W. G. Zimmermann; Chairman, R. S. Willis; Secretary, H. I. Lord.

Mr. H. I. Lord, '98, has been elected to succeed Mr. Nelson as Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary have been combined in one. The President of the Association announces the following chairmen of committees: New Students, W. C. Ewing, '96; Membership, C. Nickerson, '97; Intercollegiate Relationships, E. S. Chapin, '98; Bible Study, W. B. Nelson, '98; Student House, H. B. Newhall, Jr., '98; Religious Meetings, E. P. Bliss, '96.

The regular meeting of the Institute Committee was held Friday, March 13th, in THE TECH office. A letter was read from Mr. Wigglesworth, the Treasurer of the Corporation of the Institute, to Messrs. Willis and Sawtelle, who were some time ago appointed a committee to secure a more convenient arrangement for the cashing of checks, announcing that the Bay State Trust Co. would now cash properly certified checks upon the same terms as formerly. Mr. Hutchinson, the custodian of Trophies, was given permission to have printed a circular letter to be used in soliciting articles for the prospective trophy room. It was resolved, also, that an effort should be made to secure better toilet accommodations for the Walker and Rogers buildings.

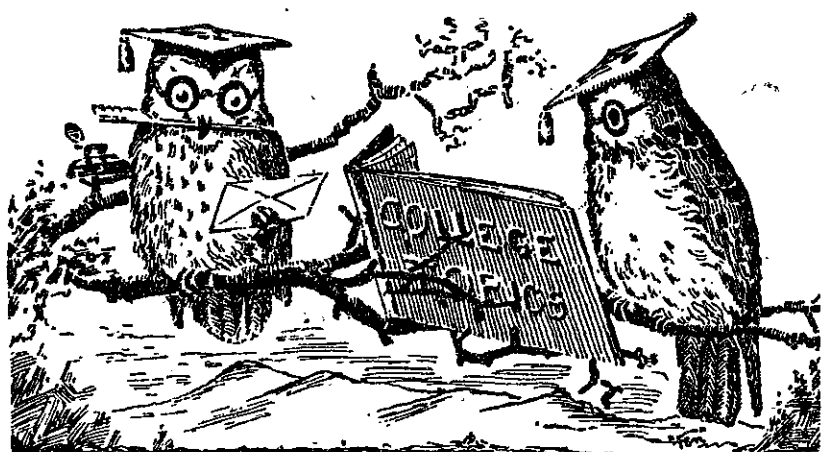


The relay race between Brown and Tech, on March 11th, resulted in a victory for Brown. The race was a close one, Brown winning by a yard, being materially assisted by having the pole at the start.

On Monday, March 9th, a competition was held in the Gymnasium to fill the vacancy in the relay team caused by the retirement of Rockwell, and to appoint one substitute. Stebbins, '97, was chosen for the place, and Gray, '97, for substitute. The team, as now composed, is Cummings (captain), Grosvenor, Bakenhus, Stebbins and Gray (substitute).

The Open Scratch games last Saturday were very encouraging for Technology. Grosvenor, '98, equaled Bloss's world's record in the 35-yard, and Stebbins, '97, won the potato race. Gray, '97, and West, '99, finished first and second in the novice dash, and Curtis and Lord, both Technology graduates, captured the hurdles. The full score will appear in next week's TECH.

On Friday, March 13th, a meeting of the M. I. T. A. C. was held in Room 22, Rogers. About thirty members were present, when President Rockwell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and then Mr. Beers read his report on athletics for the preceding year. After a few words by Mr. Mansfield upon the financial condition of the association, the election of officers took place. The result of the election is as follows: President, H. W. Allen; Vice President, H. P. Beers; Secretary, R. R. Rumery; Treasurer, T. Washburn.



Pennsylvania is to have a new dining hall, which will seat about one thousand students.

In the present House of Representatives there are 173 college-bred men against 183 who are not college graduates.

A large looking-glass is being used by all the class crews at Harvard, which makes it easier for the men to realize their faults.

Conneff, world's champion in the mile run, has written that he will enter the mile run in the biennial games of the H. A. A. in May.

The curriculum at Columbia has been changed so that Greek will not be required for entrance after July 1, 1897, nor will Greek be required in the course leading to the degree of B.A.

The University of Chicago and Columbia have agreed to meet in debate on two occasions, the first debate to be held in New York about April 19th, 1896; the second to be held in Chicago during the month of April, 1897.

Edward G. Wyckoff has decided to build a boathouse for Cornell University costing \$20,000. A rowing tank will be placed on the first floor, on the second the rowing machinery, and on the third a baseball cage.

The Williams College Faculty have appointed a committee of three professors to confer with the students concerning a constitution which the latter have formulated, looking toward the adoption of the honor system.

Prof. Henry A. Rowland of Johns Hopkins University, after nearly a year's labor, has

obtained successful results from a remarkable invention for transmitting telegrams written upon a typewriter at the place of sending and reproduced in typewritten form at the receiving part of the invention. Professor Rowland, with his new machine, can send over the same wire five or six different messages at the same time in one direction.

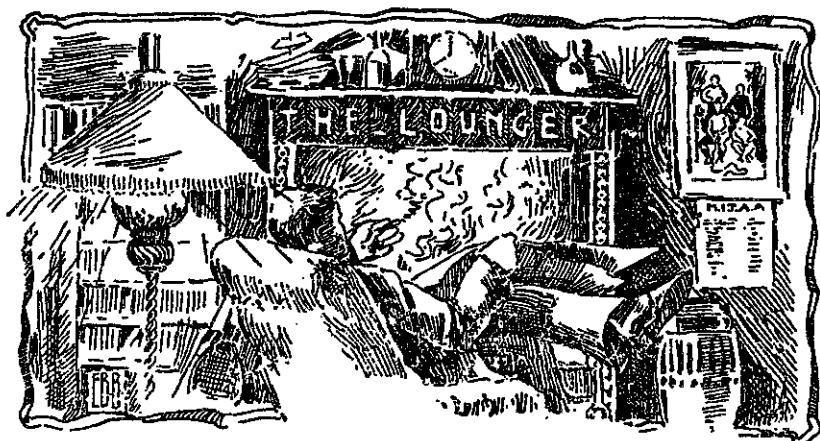
A German publication of recent date gives full statistics concerning the colleges of the world. The University of Paris comes first with 11,010 students. Berlin is second with 8,652. Then follow in the order named: Vienna, Madrid, Naples, Moscow, Budapest, Munich, Athens and Harvard, Oxford, Manchester, Leipzig, Edinburgh, Cambridge, Prag at Bohm, St. Petersburg, Michigan, Kijen, Pennsylvania, and Yale.

The Yale crew, composed of thirteen men, and Mr. Robert J. Cook, '76, as coach, will sail for England on June 6th, on a steamer bound for Southampton. Two regulation shells will be taken along. As the entries close on March 31st, a letter was sent to England March 11th, entering the Yale eight in the Grand Challenge Cup race. No entries will be made for the four-oared and single scull races. A careful canvass of the candidates for the crew reveals the fact that none will be disqualified by the clause in the Henley entrance requirements which prohibits any person who has done manual labor from rowing in the event. The expense of the trip has been estimated at \$10,000.

Friends.

He took his stroll; his pipe he smoked,
True comfort then to seek.
She came his way, a laughing lass,—
He'd known her but a week.
He shook his pipe, that old, old friend,
'Twas scarcely half smoked through;
And smiling said, "I've set aside
'An old friend for a new.'"

FECIT.



SINCE the Class of '98 has achieved the unprecedented distinction of having devoted to itself a Sophomore number of THE TECH, the Lounger feels that, despite the unworthiness of his subject, he must "in his well-known manner" devote a few words to a brief but veracious account of the doings of our doughty Sophomores since their entrance into Technology.

The writer of the class histories in "Technique" is open to the suspicion of beginning his account somewhat in this way: "One bright September morning there might have been seen gathered about the steps of old Rogers," etc. The procedure seems to introduce an unfortunate air of wearying sameness to the various narratives, which the Lounger will avoid by omitting the description. How the "bright-faced youth" filled the corridor with his pea-green presence; how he innocently called for Mr. Linus; how he misbehaved himself to the Bird, form, of course, topics desirable enough in their way, but hardly worth extended rehearsal.

Ninety-eight first came into prominence through the loud and derisive taunts which she flung at Ninety-seven. Ninety-seven was accused of cowardice *in re* Cane Rush. Roused at last to consciousness by the stormy anathemas of the young Freshmen, Ninety-seven consented to take part in the rush, although she subsequently modified this consent, and took the whole. This was a sad blow to Ninety-eight, sadder than any she received in the scrimmage. Her various members soothed their wounded feelings, however, by persistent and indefatigable wearing of the gold-laced regalia of war, even when engaged in the unmilitary pursuits of the Freshman drawing room, although the Lounger has heard that this brave display so awed the proprietor of that resort that only fifty-seven per cent of the class were flunked against the fifty-eight of the previous year.

By this time the date for the class dinner had drawn nigh, and after much debate it was decided to

make a display of abject virtue and scandalous propriety such as had not been seen at any previous Freshman dinners. Wine (at the table) was strictly tabooed by these ardent reformers, this being perhaps a wise provision in view of the well-known fact that liquor, taken in a perpendicular position, is quite innocuous. From this action the class gained wide renown, and when, after the dinner, one of its number was unceremoniously nabbed by a cop, the entire remainder of the class marched to the police station, and in the proud consciousness of virtue demanded that its collective breath be smelt, which ceremony had the desired effect of releasing the captive.

No Ninety-eight men were hanged during the summer, and when the class returned to college in the Fall to get rested from the good times of vacation, many of its members were Sophomores.

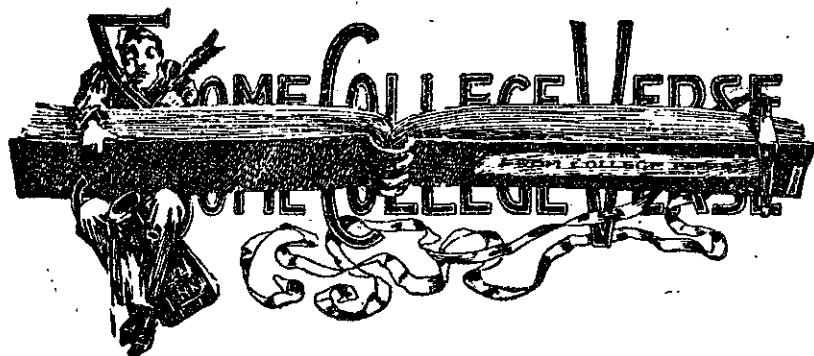
A second trial upon the muddy arena at the South End gave to Ninety-eight the longed-for and inalienable privileges of stick twirling for which it had long been sighing, and having administered to Ninety-nine an appropriate licking, the Sophomores felt that the world was theirs. The exhilaration of this success lasted so long that when the second class dinner came, no hint of the ascetic regulations of the previous year's celebration were detectable to the most refined scrutiny. Several Ninety-eight men were also elected to the Yacht Club about this time. These evidences of advance admirably fitted the class to elect its "Technique" Board, and this has been done with so much success that in the judgment of the editor in chief nothing short of the special number of THE TECH is worthy to express to the class the sense of public obligation under which Technology rests.

Ninety-eight has been in many ways a most promising class, and the Lounger is glad to say that most of her promises have been kept. She is still young, of course, and her most important years are still ahead. That she will round out a creditable undergraduate career is the Lounger's sincere wish, and in bestowing his benison upon Ninety-eight the Lounger is glad to say that he does so with high hopes and bright anticipations.

Resignation.

She is dead. Men say, "'tis sad
To lose the one he loves. He's young to be bereft."
Ah, if they only knew, Death gives her all to me,
Which life and misery would ne'er have left.

M. K.



MARY UP TO DATE.

Mary had a little Lamb,
But when she went to College
She swapped him for a Horse, and so
Acquired useful knowledge.

—Kenyon Collegian.

A TRIGONOMETRICAL IDYLL.

A gay and giddy Poly Tech
The coppers had hauled in.
"He's been a-stealing signs," they said.
"The judge shall know his sin."
"Explain,"—judge cried,—then Tech replied
(To save himself from fine),
"I couldn't use the tangent,
So I had to take the si(g)ne."

—W. P. I.

"E PLURIBUS."

I saw within the picture-rack
In my friend's room to-day—
A girl with face so beautiful
I lost my heart straightway.

I swore I'd wed the fair unknown—
My friend said, with a laugh,
"You'll have to be a Mormon—it's
A composite photograph."

—Williams Weekly.

THE TALE OF HAFIZ KHAN.

In Bagdad by the Eastern gate,
The lounging beggars tell the tale
Of Hafiz Khan, called Fortunate,
Who dwelt afar in Bosra's vale.

This Hafiz Khan was not a king,
He had no heaps of treasured gold,
Nor did his swaying camels bring
For him rare silks of price untold.

He had no friend, he had no foe,
He never left his city's gate;
He never loved, 'tis said—and so,
They called him Khan the Fortunate.

—Yale Courant.

RONDEAU.

Upon my fan, with courtly air,
A couple, nonchalant and fair,
Move back and forth with dainty grace,
Smiling into each other's face
As if they found love's heaven there.

No sober thoughts disturb the pair—
She with high heels and powdered hair;
He with soft ruffled frills of lace—
Upon my fan.

Ah! who would not these days forswear,
And stiff brocades and buckles wear,
In that idyllic time and place
When Louis XVI. reigned a space
And love with flowers pelted care,
Upon my fan?

—The Lotus.

SUNSET.

O'er all the earth now falls a holy hush,
Each rock and tree in radiant livery drest
Does homage to the pageant in the west.
The stealthy shadows creep from bush to bush,
And from the east Night's volant legions rush
In swift pursuit, while, still unconquered, Day
Beyond the hills withdraws her bright array,
But leaves along the sky a golden flush
Like banner of defiance.

Watching there
In the same window where we stood of old,
The fading glory on her face and hair,
As round the sun the cloud-gates softly fold,
She stands to-night, and through the darkening air
Lies from her heart to mine a path of gold.

—Wesleyan Lit.

LOVE'S ENIGMA.

What word is past forgiveness?
What act so all unfair
That scarce the heart can live 'less
It is harbored there?

What word is past forgetting?
What act is all so true
That, ills of life abetting,
It shines like sunlight through?

"No" to a love bright burning;
False to a "Yes" just said;
"Yes" to a heart's sad yearning;
Faith to a "No" that's dead.

—The Lotus.

We grow like what we love, the poets say.
O mighty Cupid! shall I then some day
Grow shorter by a head, have tiny feet
And beardless lips, and bang my hair, I pray?

—The Lotus.



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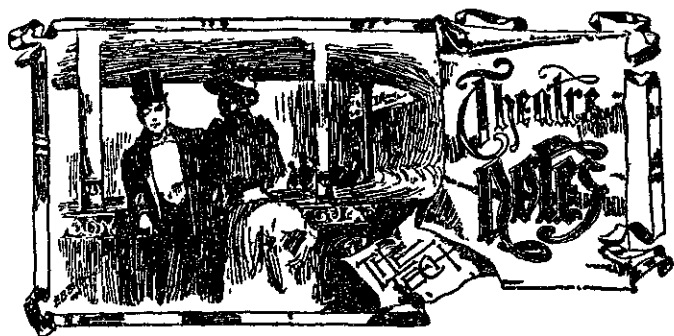
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Castle Square Theatre.—All who have heard "Mignon" this week at the Castle Square will agree that the company have scored a great success; and all look forward with much interest to hearing "Lucia" and "Traviata." Clara Lane has been doing particularly good work and made a decided hit as "Mignon." The rest of the company are keeping right up to the mark, and crowded houses are evidence of public appreciation.

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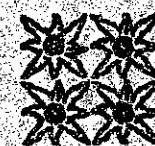
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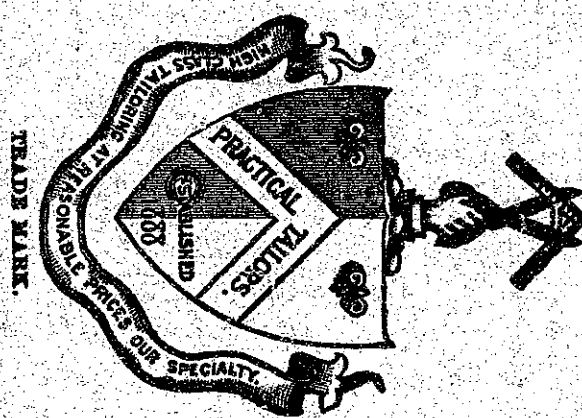
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