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MEDFORD HIGH WINNER IN DRILL COMPETITION

**A. L. Baker and G. Hansell Win
the First and Second Prizes
Respectfully.**

Medford High School succeeded in winning the shield for the best team work in the annual interscholastic prize drill held in the Armory yesterday, under the auspices of the Freshman Battalion. A. L. Baker of Medford received the gold medal as first prize for the best individual drill, and George Hansell of Stoneham won a silver medal for second prize. The audience was rather small but enthusiastic.

The exhibition commenced with company drill by the Freshman Battalion, who were afterwards sent to the seats to watch the competition. Twenty-one men, representing seven high schools, filed on the floor under the command of Captain Pastene. They were given the manual of arms and simple marching orders and then sent out. Fourteen men marched on the floor after the first elimination, headed by Captain Hamilton. They went through the same manoeuvres and were again dismissed. A few minutes later eight men lined up, the rest having been eliminated by the judges. This time Lieutenant Moorehouse put them through the manual of arms, and owing to a misunderstanding of orders a number of complications arose.

The Freshman Battalion was then drawn up, and with the band playing and the men at "present arms," four of the competitors walked in, the winners of the prizes. Three of them were uniformed alike, with blue coats, white breeches and drab leggings. These were the men from Medford High; their leader was presented with a shield, and Major Cole pinned a gold medal on his breast. The fourth man was G. Hansell of Stoneham, and the Major decorated him with a silver medal. The Freshman Battalion went through the parade, after which the company was dismissed.

COURSE IV ENGINEERS.

**William J. Sayward, 1901, Will
Speak Before Society.**

The Architectural Engineering Society will hold a meeting tonight in 42 Pierce, which the officers of the society feel will be of great interest to the men.

Mr. William J. Sayward, Course IV, 1901, has consented to speak before the meeting on "The Relations of Contractor to Labor," and is exceptionally well fitted to give the men invaluable pointers on this subject from his own experience. He now holds the position of secretary in the Master Builders' Association.

The meeting is called for 7.30 o'clock.

A Taft Club, consisting of over fifty members, has been started by the students of Brown University. It has been suggested that the club take a "straw" vote of the college.

It is good to see Wilson back on the track again.

There will be a great meeting at Philadelphia on Saturday when the relay men get together, if all goes well.

RABBI LEVI OF TEMPLE ISRAEL WILL SPEAK

**At T. C. A. Meeting Tomorrow
—His Subject is "The Func-
tion of Education."**

The speaker at the Christian Association meeting this week is to be Rabbi Harry Levi, and his subject, "The Function of Education."

Rabbi Levi is the successor to Rabbi Fleischer of Temple-Israel on Commonwealth avenue, and is one of the best known leaders of the Liberal Jews of America. He is a man with an important message, and one whose speaking has attracted great crowds of both Christians and Jews. The T. C. A. is confident that he will have things to tell us that no one can afford to miss when he speaks at the regular meeting at half-past one tomorrow in the Union.

ALUMNI FUND GROWS.

Only two thousand short of the two hundred thousand dollar mark is the report of the Technology Fund Committee at the end of the first two weeks of subscriptions. The precise figure is \$198,075, which is purely and simply the result of circulars without discussion of argument or personal solicitation. This fund, which is for equipment, thus gives every evidence that it will be properly balanced with the great gift for the construction so that the institution will be able to have its internal arrangements on a par with its proposed dignified and harmonic architecture.

LISTING OF STATIONS.

**Wireless Society Considering
Joint Publication.**

The Wireless Society has received much support from the amateurs of the city in the compiling of a complete and accurate list of the stations that are working. The society's work has been extended over the whole of this school year, and a nearly complete list is now ready.

A short time ago the Wireless Society of Harvard published a list of stations with their call numbers and power, but as this list is neither complete nor wholly accurate, they are planning to put out a revision in November. At the suggestion of the M. I. T. Club the two societies may put out a joint list at that time. The Harvard society has invited representatives of the Wireless Society to a meeting at Cambridge on the evening of May 1st. Other organizations of wireless amateurs, such as the recently organized club at Tufts, will be asked to send representatives at the same time, and these men will discuss the proposed list. The men will be addressed by one of the most prominent champions of the cause of the private operator.

The list when completed will prove of great value to amateurs, for it will supplement the list of governmental and commercial stations which is in circulation at present. If it contains the call number and rating of every station within twenty miles of the city, and the names and addresses of each operator, it will make quite a considerable pamphlet.

Too bad that Civil-Mechanical scrap had to be postponed.

AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

**Opportunities Given to Tech Men
to Help in the Social Service
Work.**

The Technology Christian Association, which has taken such an active part in the student life of the Institute, is rapidly completing plans for next year that will make the Association work even broader and more helpful than it has ever been before.

"The Big Brother Movement" is a branch of the work which Mr. Talbot, Secretary of the T. C. A., is expecting to introduce in the Institute next year. The idea is this, and it has been carried on so successfully in social service work that the Association is optimistic as to its outcome. A list of names of boys, some of whom have been before the juvenile court, but in general, boys who have not had good opportunities for their development, will be procured by Mr. Talbot. Tech men who are willing to help in the work and who will give their names to the Secretary will then be assigned to these boys, one to a man. The duty of the Tech men will be to keep in touch with their charges, not to spend money on them, but to give them a broader view of life—an ambition and something to live for. Mr. Talbot will welcome the receipt of the names of any who feel that they can help out.

The compilation of the "Freshman Bible" which in previous years has been accomplished by the Boston Y. M. C. A. for the men's colleges of Boston, will be undertaken by the T. C. A. next year. Suggestions for the betterment of this hand-book from any of the Tech students will be carefully considered by the committee in charge.

A system which has been successful in other institutions and which is of great importance to a college situated in the heart of a great city, is the system of upperclassmen advisers for Freshmen. The upperclassmen who volunteer to assist will write to some of the sub-Freshmen in the summer, planning to meet them when they arrive in the fall, and to do their part in facilitating the registration and other complicated affairs connected with the first few weeks of Freshman year.

A series of Bible classes, the general subject of which is "The Problems of a Thinking Man," will be held next year under the auspices of the T. C. A., and the regular Thursday meetings which have been so enthusiastically received by the student body will be continued next year. The work which has been done for social service among the immigrants will also be continued but on a larger scale.

FILTRATION OF WATER.

The Chemical Society feel particularly pleased at having Mr. Weston's consent to speak before them on Friday evening, and especially on a subject which is just now receiving the attention of so many prominent engineers all over the country, namely, that of the filtration of a large city's water supply.

The officers of the society have sent out a general invitation to all men who are interested, and hope sincerely that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity.

FRESHMEN VS. TUFTS SECOND AT MEDFORD

**Improvement Shown in Past
Week—But Two Positions
Need Strengthening.**

Saturday the Freshmen play the strong Tufts second team at Medford. The Freshmen showed up much stronger against Winchester than they did in their first game, and hope to win Saturday. The team has been greatly strengthened in the infield, but are greatly in need of pitchers, and also a first baseman. At the present time Captain McDevitt, a catcher, is filling the latter position. The manager wishes to call the attention of the Freshmen to these weaknesses, and hopes that men who have had experience in these positions will report immediately. Unless new men do report soon the chances of winning from the Sophs will be very slight.

Scully and McDevitt have showed up well in practice, Scully at second and McDevitt at first. McCaffrey has filled up a big hole in the short-stop position. Baldrey and Hall look the best behind the bat, and the field positions are well taken care of by Morse, McIntyre, Thomas and Roy.

The next practice will be held on Friday, at the Field, at 4 o'clock. The lineup for Saturday will be as follows: Scully, second; Fronaks, third; Morse, left field; McDevitt, first; McIntyre, centre field; McCaffrey, short-stop; Thomas or Roy, right field; Baldrey or Hall, catch; Bauer, pitch.

TENNIS MEET SATURDAY.

**Tech Team Meets Brown For the
First Match of the Season.**

On Saturday the tennis team will play the first game of the season with Brown at Providence. The team is well balanced, and although they have not had much practice this spring, have an even chance of winning from the Brown men. The team will be made up of H. E. Peckman, 13; A. Harkness, 12; G. B. Brigham, 12, and C. R. Woodward, 12. T. Fisher, 12, will be unable to play this season and his loss will weaken the team.

The tournament has started and the lists have been posted in Rogers. The doubles which were left from last year will be played off now, and it is hoped that the fellows will get them played as soon as possible, and also challenge for this spring's tournament, so it will be finished at the end of the year. Each challenger must provide two new balls, and the winner takes the new ones and the loser the old ones.

CALENDAR.

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Thursday, April 25.

1.00—THE TECH Managing Board Meeting—TECH Office.

1.30—T. C. A.—Union.

7.30—Architectural Engineering Society Meeting—42 Pierce.

Friday, April 26.

2.00—Architectural Society Meeting—42 Pierce.

8.00—Chemical Society—Union.

Saturday, April 27.

Freshmen vs. Tufts Second—Medford.

2.00—Tennis Meet with Brown—Providence.

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IN CHARGE OF ISSUES.

Friday Editor—F. C. Foote, 1915.
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ORDERS.

A man high up in his profession said the other day of Technology men as he had known them, that one of their most valuable characteristics was the ability to take orders from the man higher up and follow them accurately.

How many of us now in the Institute know what this man meant? How many of us realize the value of the quality of such wide scope so aptly put in few words? And most important of all, how many of us are doing all in our power, or even a little bit, toward the end of doing what we are told and doing it right and carefully?

To many, no doubt, the idea means little. As a rule, we think of life and the doings of the world in the abstract instead of getting down to brass tacks and realizing that this same world is made up, every time, of the concrete examples. Every man who leaves the Institute will be obliged at some period in his career to take orders from some man of greater authority, and the man who gets the farthest will be he who has learned to obey implicitly—not blindly.

duPONT CUP COMPETITION

Although the time for competing in the duPont cup competition has been extended throughout this week, no one has taken a trial, and interest seems to be entirely lacking. A large number competed in the fall, and it was expected that at least most of these men would finish their trials, but they have not done so.

The winner is the man who makes the largest combined score in the fall and in the spring, in the three events, one a running, one a jump and one a weight event. L. A. Wilson, '14, stood the highest after the fall competition with a score of 163. D. Baker, '15, was second, and G. C. Shedd, '14, and A. F. Nye, '14, were next. The competition is open only to Freshmen and Sophomores, and the winner has his name placed on the large cup in the Union, besides getting a small replica.

Freshmen! Have you heard that baseball call?

MINERS HEAR EXPERT.

Mr. Carpenter Relates Personal Experiences — Elections.

Mr. E. L. Carpenter told the Miners last night of his personal experiences in coal mining. He has spent twenty-six years in this occupation, and has gained his knowledge of the subject by experience.

He said that he has found system the keynote to success. At fourteen he began work as a railroad messenger, and in a few years rose to the position of general superintendent. Greater wages, attracted him to the coal mining business, which he entered as accountant. The Utah Fuel Company had just started producing coal at the rate of 100 tons of coal a day, and after nineteen years the concern was producing 7500 tons a year. His work kept him at the winter quarters, where there were only two warm months. At this mine an explosion of coal dust killed 200 men, yet that mine was considered one of the safest in the country. This illustrated his remark that no coal mine is safe, and that only the strict enforcement of rules for safety is a preventative against them.

In 1902 he entered the employ of the Consolidated Coal Company as selling agent at New York. The card-index system of follow-ups, which he developed there, soon sold so much coal that he was requested to stop. He then undertook to develop a system of mines at Dawson, New Mexico. At the opening, which occurred soon after his arrival at Dawson, the mines produced 500 tons a day. He had to increase this output to 7500 tons a day of coal for shipment and 2000 a day for the production of coke. He also had to plan and superintend the building of 594 cottages, as well as saloons, churches and places of amusement.

The mine was worked on the triple-entry system, two being used for air and one for hauling. The cross-entries were double, one for air and one for haulage. Electric power was used to haul all the wagons, the waste gas from the coke ovens furnishing all the steam that the town and power plant needed. The feed boxes of the eight sterling boilers were dark as night, and the only indication that the plant was in operation was the noise of the feed pump and the reading of the dials of a steam pressure of 150 pounds.

The coal is weighed as it comes from the mines, it is weighed again in the cars as they are loaded, and as it entered the feed bins of the coker. The waste was weighed and analyzed daily, as was the washed coal which entered the underfeed ovens. The close checking of these weights secured efficiency. All the shots were fired simultaneously by electricity after the men had left the mine for the night, and by taking such precautions the company had no accident in its whole history.

Mr. Carpenter also spoke of the school system, the store system, and of the many phases of daily life which the company oversees for its workers.

At a short business meeting C. G. Fallon was elected secretary for the coming year, and it was decided that nominations for the other offices should be in by noon of May 8th, the date of the next meeting. The officers are president, vice-president and treasurer, and an executive committee of two, one man a Senior and one a Junior.

A combination of the Republican Clubs of Williams are planning a pretentious Republican undergraduate convention. The rules and procedures of the National convention will be followed exactly, except that each State will have one-fourth its regular quota of delegates.

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HINTS ON HOW TO WRITE A TECH SHOW

Wellesley J. Seligman Points Out Some Methods of Procedure.

No one can tell you how to write a show. This idea is not original, but has been stated by many well-known playwrights over and over again. The best that I can do is to explain the needs of the Tech Show in the way of a book, and to give you three little tips.

- (1) Study your audience.
- (2) Study your material.
- (3) Tell a story.

These three little hints are all you need to write a book for any production, professional or amateur. Now let me explain:

The first tip (I dislike to call them rules or principles) needs little explanation. Who are you going to play to? What do they like in the way of entertainment? Are they old, young, educated, or ignorant? Of course, these questions all answer themselves for a Tech Show audience.

Study your material. By material I mean all the components that are necessary to produce your show. This includes the artists, the scenery, the costumes, the properties, the theatre and all its accessories. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon this point; for, to my mind, this study contains the key-note to the success of your play, no matter what dramatic form it may take.

Quoting from my own experience, I can say that Mr. Vose and myself outlined at least eleven shows while at work last summer, all of which were discarded simply because we did not have the material to produce any one of them. This one would cost too much, that one was too difficult, another was not the type of book that is required by Tech Show; and so it went. Remember that men must play your feminine roles, so subdue these parts accordingly wherever possible. Get an idea of what your book will cost and see if the show can afford it. Stick to "stock scenery" and "stock costumes." Avoid if possible modern feminine costumes especially, as these have to be made up, are most expensive, and are most apt to fall short in appearance. Watch your "side props," or the list of articles used during the play. Do not call for elaborate settings as all of these things have to be hired by the show.

Lastly, tell a story. At first glance it seems absurd to tell you this; but in reality this is the hardest point to make, and it is the substance of over half of the thousands of volumes written on play-writing.

The Tech Show is a musical production, and the question at once presents itself as to how, where, and when to introduce your musical numbers. Although it is true that shows have been written around a musical synopsis, I believe the proper method is to plan your story first, then your musical synopsis, and then write them together.

Make the story as farcical as possible; that is, get the humor in the situation rather than in the lines. The ideal type of story is one in which one factor, usually headed by the hero, is working against another factor to accomplish certain things. Farcical situations are best obtained by having someone appear to be, or be mistaken for, someone else. After deciding on the main idea, see that it divides up into acts and scenes, and is not too long, or too short. Avoid explanatory dialogue, and always tell a thing to the audience by stage business rather than by lines. Make it snappy, and as easy and natural as possible. Remember this: An audience in judging your play simply applaud it or condemn it without thinking whether it is easy or difficult to do.

As far as "stage technique" goes, I do not believe that a writer of a Tech Show needs to know LIFE from a "second border;" but if you want a reference I would suggest "Principles of Playwriting," by Hennequin.

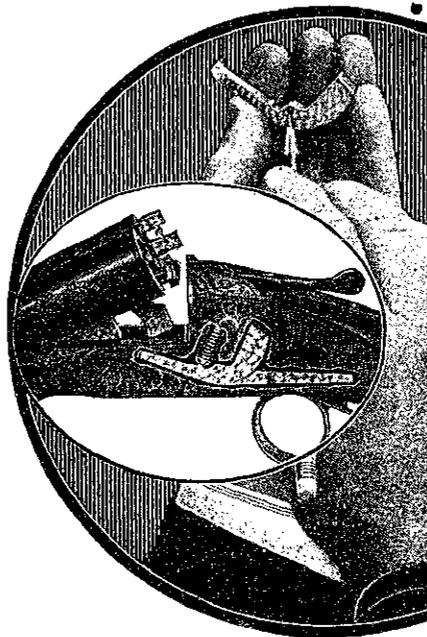
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