Meeting of Baseball Candidates

Mr. Haggerty of Lowell to Coach the Team

Seventeen men responded to the call of Capt. Mullaney for the meeting of all baseball candidates in Room No. 63, a week ago today.

Mr. Sleeper, treasurer of the Athletic Association, spoke to the men on the plans for this year's baseball team. He told of the schedule, arranged, which included games with Tufts, Groton, Andover, Exeter, and perhaps Colby, Dean, and University of Maine, but emphasized the fact that though the numbers in these schools were much larger to pick a team from, we could have just as good a team, if the fellows would report regularly for practice, and make up their minds that they could win. He then introduced Mr. Haggerty, a Lowell man, formerly coach of the Lowell High track team and an excellent baseball player himself, who is to coach the team this season.

Mr. Haggerty said that Textile was always known to have a first class baseball team, and would have to keep up their good record this season. After practice had started he said he would be able to say more, as then he would know all the men by their abilities, and be able to give them advice. He urged that the men should not start the training too rigidly, the results, perhaps, causing some of the men to quit altogether.

Mr. Sleeper then told the men to report on Monday to be fitted out with gear, and begin practice if the weather permitted.

The Baseball Outlook

The outlook for the baseball season of 1919 is certainly very good. With about ten men who have played previously for L.T.S, out on the field without about fifteen other possible candidates there is surely very little lack of material. Then too we have a good coach as you may see by his record printed in another column.

By the way some of the newer candidates are going we should say that the regulars will have to look after their laurels.

Last year the only teams to beat us were Exeter and a Naval Training Station nine. The latter won owing to the work of an exceptionally good pitcher. The former, owing to the fact that our fellows had had very little practice before that game. This year different results may be expected, as we will have had plenty of practice before meeting these teams.

Hard practice and plenty of it will be the key to a winning team.

The Baseball Schedule

Wednesday, April 9: Tufts at Medford.
Wednesday, April 23: (Pending.)
Thursday, April 24: Exeter at Exeter.
Saturday, May 3: Andover at Andover.
Saturday, May 10: N.H. State at Durham.
Wednesday, May 14: Groton at Groton.
Saturday, May 17: (Pending.)
Games pending for May 21, 28, 31.

Out of this schedule, which are the games for which the contracts have been signed, there is but one game at Lowell. However the games which are pending are games to be played at Lowell, which means that there will be four or five opportunities for you to see the team in action.

From the first game to the last there is not an easy team and the boys will be kept at top speed. The first game is going to be particularly hard, but this will only make the rest of the teams look better. This year the vow continues on Page 4.

Alembic Society Reorganized

MacDonald Elected President

The second, third, and fourth year Chemistry students and instructors met in the Chemistry Lecture Room on Thursday, March 20th at 12:15, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of reorganizing the Alembic Society.

Prof. Olney took charge of the meeting, and spoke a few words about the past activities of the society and the results which may come from reorganization. He emphasized that unless the members were willing to do fifty percent of the work, and supply at least one-half the initiative, it would be useless to try to put new life into the society. He also stated that all other technical schools have some sort of a society or club similar to this, whose membership was based on credit in scholarship, and whose activities provided enjoyment as well as training for its members. Prof. Olney heartily endorsed the idea of the meeting, and thoroughly believed, that upon modification of the constitution, the Alembic Society could be put back in its former position.

Mr. Fickett was then called upon to give his experiences in the chemical societies in the schools with which he had been connected. He believed that the Alembic Society could carry out the same plans as other societies do; including trips to the various chemical concerns in the vicinity; informal smokers instead of the usual meetings; and talks by professional men on chemistry subjects, as well as papers by the members themselves on the historical facts relating to chemistry.

MacDonald was elected chairman of the society and began his duties immediately.

It was voted that the chairman elect a committee to look over the by-laws and rules, and make a report at the next meeting.

Prof. Olney read the constitution and made suggestions wherein omissions and additions might be made.

It was voted to hold the next meeting a week from that day, at which time the by-laws would be read, and more plans started for the reorganization of the society.

A little more enthusiasm at the next meeting!

Advisory Board Meeting

The Advisory Board of the Textile Christian Association held a meeting on Monday evening, March 24th. Mr. Edward F. Miner, a graduate of Worcester "Tech," Class of 1887, and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Christian Association from 1911-1918, was present at this meeting, and discussed the future possibilities of the Association here; particularly emphasizing the functions of the Advisory Board.

Mr. Miner was much appreciated by the members of the Textile Board present. That he was willing to give his time and experience to further the Association work here was manifested by his coming, as well as by his able advocacy of the Association's contribution to the school life of his Alma Mater. His presentation was thoroughly convincing since he spoke from first hand experience.

The Advisory Board at present is composed of the following members: From the Faculty—Prof. Louis Olney, Mr. Stephen Smith and Mr. Frederick Beattie, and from the Alumni—Mr. Roy P. White, '04, Agent of the Stirling Mills, Lowell, Mass., and Mr. Woodbury K. Howe, '10, Assistant Superintendent of the Merrimack Mills, Lowell, Mass. Several other graduates are to be added to the Board.

Good Evidence of Interest

Again the fact was driven home that there is plenty of spirit here at school if one can only bring it out. Tickets were sold to the smoker in order to see how many fellows were interested enough to come. As over one hundred tickets were sold at last Monday night the smoker was assured, and the fellows proved that they were decidedly alive and anxious to support such an event.

By the time this is in your hands the smoker will be a thing of the past. No doubt everyone will say that he was glad he went, and will be looking forward to another.

Let us repeat again, such an event supported in such a way proves the presence of L.T.S. spirit.
T. C. A. Room

A good many of the fellows have taken advantage of the comfort of the room, fixed up, and recently opened by the Textile Christian Association.

The room was made over, in order that any member of the school, student or faculty, whether members of the Association or not, might feel at liberty to spend his free moments, reading the magazines, writing letters or lounging around. We hope that more of the fellows will make use of the room during the remaining days of school, and feel that it is their room. We are anxious to keep the room as neat and tidy as possible, and request the fellows to treat it as they would a room in their own home.

New Instructor for Engineering Dept.

Mr. Wendell H. Kayser has been added to the instructing staff of the Engineering Department. Mr. Kayser is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1918, where he took the Mechanical Engineering Course. Since graduation he has been a computer in the ordnance department in Washington, D. C. Most of his work was in connection with the design of carriages for naval guns. He was also connected with the Sheppard Electric Crane & Hoist Co. of Manhattan, N. Y. His work here was in connection with the design and setting up of crane bridges.

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**Cutting Classes**

Fellows, freshmen especially, you all have probably been informed of the method with which "cuts" are to be treated hereafter. At the request of Mr. Edmunds, we wish to say a few words on the subject. We realize how important the subject is, and therefore we are willing to give of our time and space in order to make you realize the same thing.

To discuss properly and intelligently the subject of cutting classes, we must know several things. In the first place, why do the fellows cut? In the second place, what are the benefits and what are the losses? What should the punishment be? We are able to answer the first two questions ourselves, because we have cut classes. The third question, however, must be answered from what the faculty have said.

In answering the first question, several reasons may be given. The very worst of these, from the view of the faculty, is this: "I went to the show." The reason given as often as this is, that the subject does not interest you. Other reasons are that you get up too late, and you wanted to do something else. Fellows, no matter what your reason may be, if you are an extrovert you are scheduled to be at such and such a place at such and such a time, and you ought to be there.

You may say that you are paying for the instruction and you do not see what difference it makes whether you are in class or not. In answer to this, let us say that while in L. T. S. your character and your moral faculty, is being trained. When you are out in the world, such reasons for failing to keep an appointment will not "get" you any place. You yourselves know that. We repeat that when you have an obligation you ought to perform it.

Since there is no good reason for cutting, you have no good reason for it. The losses incurred by cutting, however, are numerous. To refer back, you are not taking what you are paying for. Nothing of you would go into a store, pay for a dozen eggs, and leave one of them on the counter when you go out. Yet when you cut classes, that is practically what you do. Besides that, you are handicapped by the fellow that was there. He has the instruction while you, who cut, have nothing.

L. T. S. feels that cutting is a punishable offence. Therefore he has decided upon the system of which you have already been informed. When a fellow cuts the same subject twice, he is called before the council. No decent fellow likes to be reprimanded, and if you do not cut, there will be no occasion to reprimand you for it. A third cut is so serious that it causes a reduction of the mark in that subject. Continued cutting may give the greatest disgrace that can be given in college—suspension.

You see that on the whole there are not good reasons for cutting, nor can there be any benefits. Cutting is a serious matter at L. T. S., for that reason. Last but not least let us say that any student with the real L. T. S. spirit will not cut classes.
Baseball Schedule

has been taken to humble Andover and Exeter and wipe the slate clean for the victories which they have managed to slip over in the past.

It is always best to take two tries at the team from Durham College, and consequently a return game was scheduled. This will no doubt be the big game of the season and you do not want to fail to see it.

Taking everything into consideration it will be some season.

Meeting of Senior Class

At the meeting held by the senior class on February 26, 1919, it was decided by a vote of eight to five to wear the cap and gown at the graduation exercises. It was also talked of having "class day," which was a custom here in years past, but of late has been done away with. Mr. Brainerd and Mr. McDonald were appointed to confer with the junior class on the question of having a dance given by the Juniors to the Seniors, thus establishing a custom for the other classes to follow.

TEXTILE DICTIONARY

1. Authority. A 3-hour lecture on Cost Accounting by H. J. Ball.
2. Relief. (Attitude) sensation experienced by E. H. Barker on departure of engineers.
3. Deduction. Condition other departments cause in the weave room schedule.
4. Liquidation. The process undergone in the recent exam, given by S. F. Smith.
5. Exploration. The crusade headed by Tuck that journeyed to the barrons near the Lowell Pumping Station.
6. Batchelor. That state to which the senior thinks he is drawing nigh.
7. Cark. An unheard of conceotion in the S. A. T. C.
8. Faculty. The deciding element regarding our success or failure.
9. Gavels. An article missing at all school business meetings.
10. Hallucination. That with which all students are filled at examination times and under which instructors are regarding the students' abilities.
15. Nonvac. That person who no longer orders one about.
17. Pacify. A person representing the antithesis of J. J. Lupien.
18. Quire. The necessary paper for a finishing exam.
20. X. Y. Z. Unknown.

The Story of the Cotton

covered with burlap and sometimes bound with steel bands.

Although the fibres are the valuable part of the cotton, the seeds are not wasted but are crushed to give an oil used for many purposes, and the cake is ground up to make meal for cattle, or to put on the land as fertilizer.

Before the cotton gin was invented, a negro had to work all day to clear one pound of fibre from the seeds. Now, a small cotton gin can clear over a hundred pounds in that time. There would not be many cotton mills in this country today if all the cotton they could get had to be picked from the seed by hand.

There are many cotton mills in New England and along the Atlantic coast, where the moist air makes it possible to spin the fibres. These mills buy the bales of cotton and store them, as we do in the Allwood mill, using them as they are needed.

Because the cotton has been compressed in the bales, it has to be put through a machine called a "bale-breaker" to loosen the fibres in the matted sheets of the bales. These sheets are broken and the cotton is tossed about in the machine until the tufts are soft and loose. In some mills they are blown from the bale-breaker down a long chute to the picker. In our mill, the cotton is drawn up from the bale-breaker into a mixing room, where it stays a few days to let the air work into the tufts gently. From there it is dropped down to the pickers.

The tufts are still tight and matted in appearance when they go into the pickers, but here they are broken up and blown and buffered until they become very soft and fluffy. After several stages of blowing, these fluffy bits are rolled into a lap which is put with three others, on a second picker and this picker makes one smooth, even lap of the four. This is the picker lap that goes on the back of the cards.

-Taken from "Warp & Weft."

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