

The Fulcrum

During the ten years of its existence "The Fulcrum" has had as many editorial policies as it has had editors. Published by the sophomore class, each year sees a new set of men in control. As a result of this arrangement the college has been given one year, a semi-literary production, and the next, a monthly newspaper. Still another staff has given a variety of science, history, fiction, and an effusion of wit, while one enterprising class published a sort of encyclopedia, printing everything from the theory of sound to something like the economic aspect of northeastern Thibet.

Believing that an engineering college should produce at least one publication, scientific in its character, it has been the aim of the staff for 1906-07 to direct its energies principally to this end. Technical papers embracing all phases of engineering have constituted the main and substantial features of volume ten. At the beginning of the year the staff found it impossible to obtain literary articles of merit. It was then decided to develop scientific literature. However, the magazine has contained some very interesting auxiliary features such as the news and athletic section, the attractive cover designs, the page or two of humor, and the editorials, all of which have been based on student opinion.

One of the unusual arrangements in the rules and regulations governing our one magazine here, is that it has to be published by one class. This is a very unwieldy system and each staff has necessarily encountered many difficulties. Under this arrangement no upperclass-man has an active voice in the management of "The Fulcrum." It follows that the members of the two upper classes do not support the magazine as they ought. Again the more mature judgement and experience of the senior or junior is lacking and this has often been the cause of missteps.

With this in mind and guided by the opinion of previous staffs the present editor-in-chief, called, during the year, a meeting of all past and present editors-in-chief and business managers in the college. It was unanimously agreed that "The Fulcrum" for 1907-08, should have a senior as editor-in-chief, a junior for managing editor, a member of any of the three upper classes for business manager, and that the rest of the staff should be drawn from the whole college. It is hoped that under the new arrangement a fixed policy will ensue and that "The Fulcrum" will be more truly representative — a thing impossible under the former restrictive conditions.