L. K. Rourke Talks

Addressed Class in Municipal Government on This Topic

GRADUATES NEED PRACTICAL WORK

As Commissioner of Public Works in Boston he has made many reforms.

Yesterday morning, Mr. L. K. Rourke addressed the class in Municipal Government on "Efficiency." During the course of his talk, Mr. Rourke gave some interesting sidelights on the technical and administrative side of his work.

Mr. Rourke's first job was on the D. & M. construction company, where he earned $12 a day. A year at this work gave him more experience than he would have gained in any other way at the Institute. He learned to understand the class of work which has been called upon to handle. He laid great importance on understanding the work over and under one's particular position. Work has come to mean a little about dealing with men and that is why so many business men refuse to seriously consider the graduating class.

When he first took charge of the Cedar Cur, the speaker told us, he divided the district into six sections, over each of which he placed an engineer at a salary of $35 per month. Of the six men, three were engineers and three were professional engineers, the others being simply practical engineers. This work, due to a lack of engineers, but the engineers' idea is to give the people what they want.

Mr. Rourke said that he was surprised to him to be offered his present position in Boston, for he did not know that the position had been taken out of politics. When he took the position, vacated by a man who did not know that the job was offered to him to be offered his present position in Boston, for he did not know that the job was offered to him.

"Let me tell you," he said, "a Tech man who after years of experience gets such a job, cannot expect to move up and down stage in the upper ranks in the firm and it is still harder to get into that which is entrance which they all love alike, in that each come in an open space between chairs or some such corner."

Notwithstanding, great progress is being made. The building now abounds with its invisible engineers which he has perturbed from his master, with a great gusto.

"Francois rushes in and grabs at money from his master, with a great gusto; his invisible cigars which he has purloined being made. The butler now smokes his pipe with a great deal of pleasure to the Nation's capitol, as much as is likely to have an important work recompenses for these slight inconveniences."
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