Mr. Claflin Addresses Chemical Society

Gives Interesting Talk on the Subject of "The Chemist and His Livelihood."

Discusses the Best Positions

The Salesman for a Large Chemical Firm Has Often the Best Opportunities.

It was not until after 10 o'clock that night that the meeting of the Chemical Society broke up. Mr. Alex. Clafin, who is a chemist and manufacturer, had said a few words with reference to the joint dinner and also to the professional societies which will take place in the Union on Tuesday next. He expressed his hope that a large number of the men from the chemical courses would be present. It is to be noted that Mr. Claflin, who is a great advocate of the work of the Institute and a member of the council of the Chemical Society, is the president of the Chemical Company, and that chemicals are of a highly technical nature. Mr. Claflin is the president of the American Chemical Company, and has been chairman of the board of directors. The fact that, in many cases, the student who is a chemist has only a very small amount of time in which to do this sort of thing, has been brought up during the discussion.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1910.

Manager Beeson reports that men are not signing up for the Handbook Crew. Country meet in as large numbers as they should. Cross-Country has always been one of Tech's favorite forms of athletics, and one in which Tech has been very successful.

We have a strong team this Fall, and with but a little bit of strengthening by the training of new men, we have high hopes of winning a championship next year. The eyes of the entire Institute are consequently fixed on the coming meet, for in that race will be shown the stamina of the new material. It is hoped that the Varsity men will all come out, but the handpicks will be so new that a man may have an equal, if not better chance to secure the first place. Three beautiful cups are awarded, two for first and second equal, if not better chance to secure the third place.

Manager Beeson.

"Well, as Professor Cross said the other day, 'The frequency of bars is inversely proportional to the square root of the distance'..." At the beginning the enthusiasm was converted into haranguing all over me. I asked him to let me hold it in one hand and then throw it up with his instruments. Under Appalachian's leadership, however, the enthusiasm was converted into harmony and the succeeding sublety of the piece was given admirable rendition. In the second arts, "Charm's Amour," the greatest success was met with, and the effects were achieved with distinction.

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Mr. Claflin then took up the selling end of a large business. This, he seemed to think, offered the best chances to the active, conscientious man. Contrary to the popular opinion, in no field is actual knowledge more necessary. There is the additional advantage of being able to come into personal contact with the heads of large manufacturing firms. Curiously enough, however, it is rather difficult for recent graduates to get positions. This is chiefly due to their lack of any positive recommendations. The opportunity of securing an office position, having once succeeded as a salesman, is not frequently met with.

After Mr. Claflin’s address he volunteered to attempt to answer any questions put to him. A most satisfactory success was evidently met with.

The Gentleman then took up the selling of pictures. All students having deficiencies in Structural and Field Geology (870) are to report to Mr. Allan before November 14th.

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