The administration of public works

Society of Arts hears talk by Louis K. Rourke, 1889.

Civil Engineer.

Keynote is efficiency.

He urges concentration of power and ability to handle workmen.

Last evening the Society of Arts held its first meeting of the year in Huntington Hall, having as its speaker of the evening Mr. Louis K. Rourke, 1889. He talked on "The Scientific Administration of Public Works." Mr. Rourke was on the engineering staff of the Panama Canal and was asked by Mayor Fitzgeral to come to Boston as city engineer.

Mr. Rourke began his talk by stating that the main point to be worked for in city administration is efficiency. He said that a great deal of money is wasted in inefficient workmen, and particularly in inefficient systems, where the power and thus the responsibility is not concentrated in one man. Another reason for inefficiency is the liability of mistakes in that one man often delegates his duties to other men, and because of this many preventable errors are made. He suggested that here at Tech there is opportunity to institute a course of lectures on the subject of city administration and suggested that it be given.

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That there will be an extra meeting of the Society of Arts, at which time a lecture on "The Messina Earthquake and Eruptions of Mount Etna, 1905, to 1912," will be given. Better news to those men who attend these gatherings. This lecture will be given at Huntington Hall on Saturday, December 17, at a lunch from 12:00 to 12:45.

Mr. Frank Appleton, Gov. to the Turkish States, will speak on "The Messina Earthquake," and will give the latest news to those men who attend these gatherings. This lecture will be given at Huntington Hall on Saturday, December 17, at 12:00 to 12:45.

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The purification of waters polluted by manufacturing wastes.

"Purification of Waters Polluted by Manufacturing Wastes," Mr. Johnson, who has an office in Boston, has been connected with and very much interested in plans for the purification of the river and streams which are contaminated by the wastes of various manufacturing and refining processes, so that it was able to cite specific instances where by purifying the sources there had been great reduction in the pollution and the result was obtained.

This is beginning to arouse a great deal of attention not only from the manufacturers but also from the public.

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Dear Sir,—In the interest of truth I should like to call your attention to certain inaccuracies in the communication signed "R. V. D.," which appeared in Saturday's issue. The incident was not noticed "as B. V. D. was passing along the corridor in Rogers Building," because it took place in my office in Walker Building. The facts are substantially as follows: The Tech secretary had given the Assistant and myself and myself by my own and daily efforts to sell The Tech, one copy of which comes regularly to the office. When asked what profit he would make on a year's subscription, the boy informed us that there was no profit to him on a subscription, but that a penny was earned on each sale. The remark made was this: "I shall certainly not buy more than twenty-five copies from you in the course of the year, and I am willing to pay your profit on those copies now if you will agree not to trouble us again." The boy was much pleased with the quarrel, and we considered the incident closed. The word, "it was written," were not used as no comment whatever was made concerning The Tech. I may add that there was no attempt "to make a hit with those about him," as no one heard the conversation except myself, not even "B. V. D."

Very truly yours,
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There seems to be a great deal of comment at present on the sanitary conditions around the Institute, for it would look to an outsider as though discussion on the college spirit, or perhaps the lack of it, which is shown here, at the Institute athletic events in the Gym or the hockey games at the new Arena. Any Tech man who may have been at the game between Harvard and the Boston Hockey Club must have noticed that the Harvard men were present in large numbers. They were scattered all through the crowd and were watching the game all the time, ready with their yells at the right moment to keep the crowd awake. Wednesday night, at the Arena, Technology goes against Harvard, and there will be a large audience there to see the game. Harvard will, without doubt, predominate, but if the men of Tech will wake up and show some life they can easily make more of a showing than the Harvard men. It looks to an outsider at these games as though we were absolutely dead, entirely lacking in any kind of spirit and life. We have a good hockey team this year, one that will make the Crimson team travel some to get away with the game, and it should be backed by the Institute in order to make the opponent on an even footing. It is not written by the hockey management to an outsider to inspect gate receipts, but by one who wants to know; Technology to appear before the public in the best possible light. Now, you real live Tech men, cut down your idle Harvard, and you are going to the Arena to see Tech play. You and yell. When someone asks you what you are going to do tomorrow night, just ask him what you are going to do Wednesday night, at the Institute. Lack of the ability to trim Harvard, and you are going to walk away, you and yell. When someone asks you what you are going to do tomorrow night, just ask him what you are going to do Wednesday night, at the Institute. Lack of the ability to trim Harvard, and you are going to walk away.

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The speaker's talk was not heard by a great number, it was received by a cordial audience, and at the close he was thanked by the presiding officer for the others to follow. The idea is to bring out the cross-country men.

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