NAVAL ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY DINNER

Mr. White Gives Some Anecdotes, Professor Keith Speaks On (Continued)

The Naval Architectural Society dinner, held last Wednesday in the Union, had a special agenda feature when Mr. White spoke on "Anecdotes Connected with Scientific Magic," in the course of which he read all the anecdotes that he had heard of. One of the anecdotes he related concerned the taking of Taylor's "invention" of the gyroscope. It was about the time that twelve-inch and six-inch guns were first being issued. The new guns were about to be fired, and Taylor, who had been injured in the firing of a gun, was placed in the anti-aircraft position. He was to direct the guns to fire. When a sailor came to him and said that he had spotted a German submarine, Taylor was surprised, as he had not seen anything of the kind. He was told that the submarine was moving slowly and was about to come within firing distance. Taylor immediately asked for a compass. He found a compass, and when the submarine was drawn near enough to be fired on, Taylor took the compass and pointed it at the submarine. The submarine was stopped, and Taylor was asked how he had known where it was. "I was told," he replied, "to point the compass at the submarine." The whole thing was a complete failure, and Taylor was later tried on a charge of mutiny and sentenced to twenty years in a jail. The story was related by Mr. White to illustrate the fact that "the man who understands science is the one who can use it to the best advantage."
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THE TECH

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THE SMOKER TONIGHT.

The importance of the New Technology and the consequent dedication festivities next June seem nearly at the head of our average Institute student. Such a state of affairs is, of course, partially due to the vigor of the Technology curriculum and partially to the cumulative inertia of fifty years. With respect to the matter of the celebration itself, the important phase under careful consideration is present at is that of student participation in the dedication.

There is little doubt about the ultimate of the purpose of the Technology, after all he realises the moment of the situation. But to obtain results for his student friend, (also for himself), an organisation must be perfected. Preliminary steps in this end have been shown by the undergraduate committee acting with the joint sanction of the Alumni Association and the Institute Committee. This committee has been suspended, meeting today evening in both houses of the Union, at which a united effort will be made to secure the confidence and enthusiasm of the majority of those needed. Actual plans and details will be announced concerning this plan, to the point of President Maclaurin will be present and will present an important aspect of the NEW TECHNOLOGY, and a start is to be made in recruiting men who will stay on for the June affair.

The significance of the meeting prompts The Tech to again urge the attendance of every Technology man.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

In your last issue appeared a remarkable specimen of the epistolary art, under the caption of "The Lounger," and relating to the community's prejudice against the Technology Gymnasium. This illogical person, wrote under assumed initials and from an equally fictitious address, nevertheless succeeded in crassly against what he seems to consider is the "evil" of the gymnasium. From a careful study of his fantastic arguments, we may gather that he has a devout fear of boys of the gymnasium floor, and that the assumed existence of these things on the gymnasium floor constitutes it a public menace.

The gymnasium, the previous complaint may be, is not only well aired and in winter kept at a temperature low enough to kill the hardest germ, but is also thoroughly swept after each day's work. A further fact, probably unknown to "A. W. K.," is that in the absence of investigation, as that for those who fear danger from the exercise, commodious showers are placed contiguous to the Gym floor. As to splinters, the only thing that they hurt is the nature which "A. W. K." need fear is one of bone lodging in his foot, reserved to his rudimentary intellect.

It may be noticed that this agitator, like all agitators, gives no facts regarding the danger of which he is so certain. He does not and would not if explicitly invited, show proof that a single case of injury or disease has resulted from floorwork

The Lounger is glad to hear from his friend, the Editor of The Tech, that the publication of the highly injurious communication has persuaded Saturday has produced the desired effect in today's communication. Now an excellent proof has been furnished that the undergraduates are not asleep, as the Lounger had begun to fear, and the Lounger requests that all future communications directly affecting him be addressed to him and not to the Editor-in-Chief. The letter, although an excoriating one, sometimes has peculiar views which conflict with those of the Lounger.

But to return to the point. The Lounger realized perfectly before he published the communication of such obviously misdirected tirade, that no dangerous conditions existed in the Gym; in fact the whole building shows a marked advance over the one in which the Lounger rashly dusted the floor some years ago. Frank Nasmyth is more scrupulous about the cleanliness of the Gym than the Lounger's freshman acquaintances are about the order of their rooms. The floor is swept daily, all janitorial features, such as expectation, are tabooed; and no one to the Lounger's knowledge has suffered the slightest ill effect from the dust of the gym. The Lounger suspects, too, that the communication in question perhaps was intended as a gentle hint that the freshmen would be better protected if we see hardwood floors introduced for floor exercises at the New Institute.

It is always satisfactory to see weird opinions dropped out into the world gratuitously examined and disposed of. The process leaves an undergraduate of discernment with a stronger faith in the Lounger's appreciation of his surroundings. Consequently the Lounger is glad to express his appreciation of the important phase of the summer in which the students are aiding him in developing this hygienic bugaboo.

FACULTY NOTICE

This week of March 27, will be held on Wednesday only, for two hours. The Monday and Tuesday hours will be omitted.

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