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THE TECH notices with satisfaction the evident increase of interest manifested of late in our local and professional societies. That Technology offers a broad field for such organizations is an undeniable fact, although the past year might seem to disprove it.

In behalf of professional societies, when well run, too much cannot be said. Through them a man may learn to express his ideas well, either on paper or verbally, and it is his own fault if the invaluable powers of debate, argument, and ready criticism are not materially developed. Thoughtfulness and fluency of speech, calmness of bearing, and more rapid comprehension of a subject even under trying situations, must, also, result to a greater or less extent. To an engineer, above all others, should this training be serviceable, since his success depends in great measure upon keeping constantly before the public; and how can this be better accomplished than by the reading or publication of interesting and valuable papers? And all must acknowledge that a poor form or a hesitating delivery may render flat and tiresome almost any facts or ideas, no matter how entertaining or brilliant in themselves.

In view of all this, THE TECH urges every man to join that professional society here to which he may be eligible. If the management is not what it might be just at present, then you will have a grand chance to try your powers of argument, and perhaps also your executive ability, in effecting a suitable organization. However that may be, there is most valuable experience to be obtained from these societies, and each man must blame himself if the opportunity is neglected.

The wonderful boom in fraternities at Technology during the past year has, perhaps, been the chief cause of the temporary falling off of interest in purely local organizations. Fraternity excitement has settled down into a steady, healthy growth, leaving every chance for the nourishment of local bodies. It was a great loss to the Institute when the Twentieth Century Club disbanded, but other societies may nearly take its place. The old Electric Club has started with new life, and the Photographic Society is exhibiting a vigor that must bring success. The Photographic Society may reasonably be called "professional"; and if the importance of photography to all branches of industry were thoroughly appreciated, surely this society would not lack members.

It would be worth every one's while to con-