Electrical Engineering Society.

The November meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society was held last Friday evening. Mr. W. L. Lee, '97, gave a talk on “Central Telephone Switchboards,” showing diagrams of the circuits and exhibiting a number of photographs of switchboards. Mr. R. C. Faught, '98, read a paper on Central Lighting Stations, giving a brief account of the difference between arc and incandescent dynamos, and describing the construction of the Stanley two-phase alternator. President Walker was, at his own request, elected an honorary member of the society. It was announced that arrangements had been made with the publishers of the Electrical World, whereby the members of the society could obtain subscriptions for $2.80 instead of the regular price, $3.

President Dougherty has secured permission from the West End Street Railway Co. for the members of the society to visit their Albany Street power house. Owing to the large number of members, this visit will be made in two sections, the first going Saturday, November 14, and the second, November 21.

The Greenland Trip.

The Smoke Talk at the Technology Club last Friday was largely attended, and proved of very great interest. Professor Burton spoke first, and, after an enthusiastic tribute to Lieutenant Peary’s sagacity and foresight, he detailed the progress of the trip, as described in The Tech, with constant illustration by the stereopticon. The first bear and its cubs were described, but the speaker modestly refrained from relating the story, told later in the evening, of how he picked up one of the cubs under his arm and recaptured it just as it was about to escape. Many very beautiful photographs of the cliffs, the icebergs, and the glaciers were shown, and the members of the Eskimo crew, especially the ladies (for woman’s rights obtain in Greenland) excited great interest. The scientific party themselves figured in furs and skins of various uncouth sorts, and in referring to them, President Munroe told the story of the old woman who liked the menagerie very much, but “did think the hippopotamus was dreadful plain.”

Professor Barton next spoke on the more strictly scientific side of the expedition. He described the measurement of the rate of motion of the glacier, which proved to be twenty feet per day, nearly ten times that of the ice streams of the Alps, and a curious eddy in the course of the stream was noted. The caverns and the vertical walls at the edges of the glacier were mentioned; and the midnight discovery of a stream of water flowing through the ice, as well as the formation of huge icebergs at the front of the glacier, were graphically described. Mr. Russell W. Porter closed the talk by a few words on the comparative costumes and dwellings of the continental and Greenland Eskimos; and several of his fine water colors supplemented the seventy-eight photographs shown in the stereopticon.

Cross-country Run.

The annual cross-country run was held last Monday. The entries were, Osgood, ’97, Reed, ’97, Lord, ’98, Rumery, ’98, Campbell, ’99, Morse, ’99, Mayhew, ‘00, and Intre, ’00. The officials were: Timers, Graham, Boos, Hurd; Judges, Clapp, Washburn, Pugh; Starter, Grosvenor. The start was made from the Gymnasium at 4.30, and the course was the usual one, to Coolidge’s Corner and return. Osgood, ’97, was first, Mayhew, 1900, second. The time was 28 m. 56⅝ s., breaking last year’s record by 35⅝ s.

A man of the tribe ’00,  
Thinks he is a right rabid sp o:  
He won’t think that way  
On the cold wintry day  
When he gets home and finds his rep o.