merchant marine and navy that the nation’s new imperial policy would call into existence. In this connection the work done at the Institute in Marine Engineering was mentioned, and the proposed transfer of the course at the Naval Academy at Annapolis to Technology was explained. It is of interest to note that one of the objections brought forward was that the Institute had no efficient means of enforcing discipline and compelling men to study.

President Crafts told of the splendid financial condition of the Institute, and of the struggles of the late Gen. Francis A. Walker to provide for the school in a financial way, and the speaker’s only regret was that General Walker was not living to-day to see the results of the plans he had made.

The recent death of John Cummings of the Corporation was alluded to. The future disposition of the Franklin Fund was discussed, and the hope expressed that it might be devoted to the Institute.

Samuel J. Elder, in speaking of “Athletics,” called to mind the speech made by General Walker in 1893. Continuing, he said: “The same love of courage and endurance that makes us prize the athlete makes us revere the lads who climbed up San Juan hill, and who won the victory at Manilla. There is in the life of every sterling people an enormous adoration for physical courage and physical strength, and it is that which school athletics nourishes. It was no idle word that Wellington spoke when he said that Waterloo had been won at Rugby and on the football fields at Eton. The subject of athletics is a great American problem.”

Captain Zalinski spoke for the regular army, and declared himself as heartily in favor of enlarging it. “I think the chance of being embroiled in a foreign war,” he said, “is greater to-day than twenty years ago. The optimism of our people will lead us to take a position we cannot maintain, and sooner or later we will have an enemy who will not give us time to prepare.”

Charles H. Manning, U. S. N., told again the story of the Oregon.

A telegram was read from the Rev. E. E. Hale, stating his inability to be present, and wishing the company a happy new year.

Frank H. Briggs outlined the history and policy of the Advisory Council on Athletics. He stated plainly how little the alumni do for athletics at Technology. He described the attempts of the Council to interest the alumni in athletics at Technology, and the discouraging, if not disgraceful, way in which they responded to what concerns so closely the honor of Alma Mater.

Dr. Tyler presented the report of the Committee on the Walker memorial. This report is printed in full in another column.

Mr. Freeman then introduced the new President of the Association, Mr. E. C. Miller. Mr. Miller in entering upon the duties of his office thanked the association for the honor conferred upon him. He paid a high tribute to the retiring president, Mr. Freeman, for the able way in which he had served the association during the past two years.

The Walker Memorial Gymnasium.

The following report of the Walker Memorial Committee was presented by Dr. H. W. Tyler, ’84, at the annual dinner of the Alumni Association on December 30th. The report was accepted, and the motion it embodied was passed unanimously.

“Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

“Year after year we have looked forward to the time when the Institute should have a better gymnasium,—not as a luxury for a few, but as an essential means of health for the great body of our students. I count it a privilege to say to the Alumni to-night that I believe the time has come for action.

“Two short years ago President Walker met us here, and we little realized how nearly spent was the vitality that had endured so