half-past seven, and by eight Professor Dip-
pold's recitation room was filled to its utmost
capacity. President Lee called the meeting
to order, and after a few remarks introduced
Mr. Blackstein as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Blackstein proved himself to be
admirably fitted for the occasion, and his
brilliant wit and interesting reminiscences
held the attention of the class for more than
half an hour. Mr. Blackstein's talk was fol-
lowed by a song by the Glee Club, who were
the guests of the evening.

Refreshments were served, and the re-
mainder of the evening was spent in conversa-
tion, songs, and cheers, to the entire satisfac-
tion of all, and many were heard to express
the hope that this might be the first of a
series of such gatherings, which will lead to
closer comradeship than has ever existed at
Technology.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale's Address.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18, was
given the second of what we hope will be a
series of short speeches by men who have
achieved a real place in the world.

President Pritchett spoke a few words
about the approaching vacation, and wished
the students a very pleasant Christmas. He
also said that he would be very glad to have
all the students who were unable to spend
Christmas at home, call at his home on
Christmas eve. President Pritchett then in-
troduced Dr. Edward Everett Hale, who gave
a very interesting address which brought
before the students the manner in which
they should treat their fellowmen. He re-
mined the students of the relations between
Harvard and Tech, and said that they should
become more friendly.

Dr. Hale concluded his talk by giving three
rules which he considered it advisable for the
students to observe, namely: — To accept the
universe; to live in the open air; to touch
elbows with the rank and file, and lastly to
talk every day with somebody who is your
superior.

Society of Arts.

The 559th regular meeting of the Society
of Arts was held in Room 22, Walker Build-
ing, on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. Mr.
Cornelius Vanderbilt addressed the Society
on “The Development of Locomotive Boilers,”
giving particular attention to the “Vanderbilt”
boilers. The talk was illustrated by stereopt-
ticon. Room 22 was not nearly large enough
to hold the crowds that came, and many were
turned away.

Cross Country Team.

The Cross Country Team met defeat last
Saturday in the race with Harvard. The de-
feat, although severe, was one of which Tech
has no reason to be ashamed. The race was
run hard from the pistol, and when the
muddy footing on a large part of the course
is considered, the time was very fast. Mills
of Harvard made, as had been expected, the
best showing of the day. To his work, in
keeping his men together up to the middle of
the race, and then cutting out the running
for first place, is largely due the victory of
the Crimson. The other circumstance to
which the result is owing was the discrep-
ancy between the two teams in racing experi-
ence. For three of our men the race was
their first experience in intercollegiate work,
while the Harvard team was composed of
veteran racers. The report started by one of
the Boston papers, that the Harvard men
won the race without previous training, has
no foundation, for the Cambridge men had
been in steady training, in preparation for a
series of races, of which the B. A. A. race on
Dec. 7 was the third.

For Technology, the best showing was
made by Captain Peaslee. Early in the race
he wrecked his leg, and at two miles out was
behind the bunch and running lame. Real-