Mechanical Engineering Society.

An interesting address, a large attendance, enthusiastic singing, and an excellent lunch, all combined to make a great success of the meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society last Thursday at Technology Club.

Mr. F. B. Gilbreth gave an address which was easily the feature of the evening. The fact that it was his firm which completed the Lowell Building 54 days ahead of the contract gave additional significance to his talk on "Handling men and material for rapid construction." The many slides exhibited, mostly pictures of the Lowell Building, illustrated most forcibly the points brought out. It is impossible to do justice to Mr. Gilbreth's talk, as it was full of things interesting to Tech men. He emphasized particularly the necessity of buying in the cheapest market and of providing for the proper sequence in the arrival of material. The value of labor saving devices was illustrated by showing an improved staging and a gravity concrete mixer of his own invention. He painted a very brilliant future for the young engineer, especially after he has had practical experience.

Before the address there was a short business meeting. The committee appointed to investigate the matter of a shingle reported a design, but no action was taken. It was voted unanimously to present the retiring president, J. F. Ancona, '03, with a gavel, in recognition of his services in building up the society.

The Chess Club.

The New England champion, Mr. A. M. Sussman, played 14 simultaneous games with members and visitors of the Chess Club, Saturday, at the Union. The only winners were Messrs. W. I. Lourie and M. Cline. It was noticeable that the players, with one exception, used but two methods of play, five using king's gambit and eight Ruy Lopez. Mr. Lourie won by the latter, while Mr. Cline played a two knights' defence. About two hours was required for the completion of the game. Professors Pope and Locke both played. The Chess Club wishes to increase its membership, and would like to include all Tech chess players, in order to be as representative as possible of Tech in college games. It is not an expensive game nor one which requires constant training, and deserves more attention than is accorded here.

Tech Show.

Less than a week remains before the first performance of "A Scientific King," but everything is running smoothly and very encouraging performances are promised. The dress rehearsal will be made as nearly perfect as possible, and should be as good as the final performance. *Patriots' Day the men were given an all-day rehearsal, and during this week finishing touches will be put where required. Next week's Tech will contain a detailed account of the plot and action of this year's show.

Mining Engineering Society.

Professor Richards gave an interesting lecture on "Hydraulic Concentration" on Friday, April 17, before the Mining Engineering Society. In the book soon to be published the subject will be divided into three main heads. An extremely ingenious method of separating ore of different sizes has been devised for experimental work, by a development of the fact that the friction of large pieces of ore falling in a current of water is greater than that of small pieces. The separation is made by screens and its satisfactoriness depends on the strength of the current of water. The lecture was a continuation of that on "Jigging."