Freshman Dinner.

The Freshman Dinner, which was dated for Monday, April 27, was held Saturday, the 25th, in order to outwit the Sophomores who intended to capture the toastmaster. Owing, probably, to this change in date, only 78 men attended. The toastmaster, U. J. Nicholas, spoke of the feeling of admiration in foreign countries, especially Australia, towards Tech. E. V. Wetterer reviewed the Class history as far as already existing; J. W. Williams, Jr., talked on Athletics, and W. H. Foster on Drill. The Future of 1906 was the topic of E. M. Smith. The visiting members of the Faculty were then invited to speak.

The Dean pointed out the undesirability at Tech of the rough house and class fights, so overdone in smaller colleges. He informed the Class that 1905 had very creditably decided not to indulge in the plan of breaking up the dinner, and complimented 1906 on having refrained from interfering with the 1905 dinner.

President Pritchett, in his address, said he considered it an excellent idea for each class to institute some particular custom for later classes to follow. To illustrate the point and to give a possible example, he recalled some of his experiences at German universities. There all the men belong to dining clubs, and whenever meetings are held, the following plan is followed: First comes a scientific discussion, then a dinner, and then some question of interest to all the men is proposed and debated. This is excellent practice in training men to think and to speak easily and fluently. If some such plan could be introduced here, perhaps by 1906, it would be followed by subsequent classes, and would always be a credit to the class introducing it.

Professor Talbot gave interesting reminiscences of Tech, and Mr. Blachstein complimented the Class on being ambitious for high ideals, as evidenced by their placing their flag as high as possible. With songs and cheers the dinner then came to an end.

Mechanical Engineering Society.

The last regular meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society for the present school year will be held at the Tech Union Thursday, May 14, at eight o'clock. Short reviews of thesis work and results will be given by members of the Senior Class. These reports will be of considerable interest both to student and graduate members of the mechanical courses. Professor Lanza will also speak to the society on the general work and interests of the department.