

Y. M. C. A. Reception.

The reception tendered to the Freshman Class by the Y. M. C. A. of the Institute at Tech Union last Friday evening was the most successful ever undertaken. About two hundred and twenty-five persons were present, among them a large number of the instructing staff and upper class men.

President Bartlett welcomed the guests and extended the hospitalities in behalf of the Association. He introduced President Pritchett as the first speaker of the evening. Dr. Pritchett made a very characteristic speech, in which he urged the men to make each other's acquaintance, and not to be slow in availing themselves of the opportunities offered. Further, he explained the purpose of the Union, its meetings, dinners, and other social features. Lastly, he dwelt on the importance of the art of conversation, and advised all to cultivate this true accomplishment. Dr. Pritchett was followed by Hadley, '04, who explained to the Freshmen what work and fun meant at the Institute. Dr. McElveen was the next speaker. After an intensely witty introduction to his discourse, he urged the men to attend their church regularly, and in behalf of his fellow-clergymen he extended a very cordial welcome. Professor Dwight Porter closed the evening's addresses by explaining the work of the Association at Tech.

After refreshments the men gathered round the piano and spent the rest of the evening singing from the new songbook. The evening was a very enjoyable one to every one present.

The First Convocation.

The First Convocation of the year was held in Huntington Hall at two o'clock, October 5, with Dr. Edward Everett Hale as the speaker. After the introductory remarks by Dr. Pritchett, during which he stated that he

was then meeting the students for the last time before leaving for several weeks in Berlin, Dr. Hale spoke on the great work the American scientific schools were doing, their graduates replacing foreign engineers and scientific men in American industries. His talk was enlivened by anecdotes and he closed by stating his three great principles for students such as he was then addressing: To live in the open air all that is possible; to rub elbows with the rank and file; to speak each day to some one you know to be your superior.

Material for Tech Show, 1904.

The management of The Tech Show request that all men who have prepared any material for the 1904 Show, or who intend to do so, will hand their names into Box 42, "Cage," immediately, in order that they may be notified of the first meeting of the board.

The management will be very glad to receive any ideas or suggestions in regard to the coming Show, and especially any original music or lyrics which might be incorporated into the play.

This year's play has not, as yet, been selected, and will, as stated last year, be chosen from the several ones submitted in competition by Tech men.

Even when the play is selected, there will be great opportunity to introduce original music and lyrics, and undergraduates with ability in this line will find a great opportunity.

Varsity Athletics.

Coach Mahan is back again to take charge of our Varsity teams. In him we have a good man, who knows his work, understands the conditions at Tech, and makes the most of both. Here's to him — may he turn out a team that will clean things up in the New England Meet this year. Meanwhile, let us give him our best support.