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## PROF. CLIFFORD PROMOTED.

**Acting Head of Course VI. Because of Professor Duncan's Resignation.**

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Corporation held Tuesday, October 11, the resignation of Professor Duncan, head of the Electrical Engineering Department, was accepted, to take effect October 15. Professor Duncan has long felt that outside interests of great magnitude prevented his being of the utmost usefulness, and he insisted that his resignation be accepted.

Professor H. E. Clifford has been appointed acting head of the Department. This announcement will be very welcome to the students, as Professor Clifford has several times been voted "The Most Popular Professor," and is exceedingly well liked by the students. Professor Clifford is a graduate of M. I. T. in the Class of '86, and has served Technology almost constantly ever since his graduation. He is the author of several books which are authority in Electrical Engineering and he is a consulting engineer of excellent standing in the vicinity of Boston.

### GENERAL CONVOCATIONS.

The first general convocation of students and teachers will be held some time next week, and at which the Rt. Rev. Chas. H. Brent, Bishop of the Philippines will address the gathering upon the duties and opportunities of Americans in the Philippines. It is expected that Professor James Bryce, M. P., will address a similar convocation early in November.

### Fencing.

All men desiring to make arrangements for fencing lessons, may see the captain of the fencing team, Jorge Lage, at the instructor's fencing room, 90 St. Botolph Street, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5, or on Friday afternoon from 5 to 6.

S. C. Coey, '06, has been appointed to the Advisory Council on Athletics, to represent Basket Ball, Tennis and Fencing.

## MINING ENGINEERING.

**The Society Meets at Union.**

The first regular meeting of the Mining Engineering Society was held on Wednesday evening, at the Union. There was a good attendance of members in spite of the disagreeable weather. President Allen outlined the program of the Society for the coming year. It is planned to hold a regular meeting at the Union once every three weeks, and whenever possible, an outside speaker will address the meeting. In addition, occasional meetings will be held in Rogers, and an opportunity will be given to student members of the Society to speak on and discuss mining matters. The next meeting will be held in a week or two, and at this meeting the work of the summer school will be reviewed. One man will deal with the work at Silver Plume, another with work at Idaho Springs, and a third with the metallurgical trip. The following men were elected to membership: E. E. Harrington, R. O. Reed, H. C. Plummer, H. W. Buker, G. H. Ruggles, D. B. Turner and W. E. Cayple. Mr. Benjamin E. McKechnie was the speaker of the evening. He spoke on "Mining in the Aspen District," and in a clear, interesting way presented his experiences during a two years' stay in that vicinity.

### Addresses on Technology Fund.

Mr. Everett Morss, '85, Chairman of the Income Fund Committee of the Technology Fund Movement, is to address a meeting of Technology men at St. Louis, on October 14, and a similar gathering at Chicago on the following Saturday. The purpose of his visit is largely that of furnishing to the local societies in those cities information as to the object of the Fund, and its progress.

Professor Richards was in Warren, N. H., October 10, studying concentration problems in connection with the zinc-lead mine at that place. On October 13 he was in consultation with the officials of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

## E. E. SOCIETY.

**Members Elected and Committees Appointed.**

The first business meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society was held in 28 Lowell on Wednesday. The following new members were elected: H. M. Edmunds, '05; J. F. Douglas, '05; E. M. Eliot, '06; C. B. Powell, '06; W. J. Cady, '06; S. C. Coey, '06; W. D. Davol, '06; J. H. Feenster, '06; J. M. Morris, '06; J. W. Kidder, '06; H. S. Whiting, '06; R. Bingham, '06. The following Committees were appointed: *Executive*: C. Worth, '05; T. P. Bedford, '05; F. J. Schwarz, '05. *Membership*: W. M. Butts, '05; E. T. Steel, '05; J. W. Kidder, '06. *Excursion*: F. J. Chesterman, '05; J. C. Eadie, '05; L. A. Wallon, '05. It was decided to hold a Smoker at the earliest possible date.

All Seniors and Juniors in Courses VI. and VIII. are eligible for membership in this Society, and any one wishing to apply should give his name to any member at once.

### Society of Arts.

At the 599th regular meeting of the Society of Arts, Dr. Thomas A. Jagger, Jr., spoke on "Geology as an Experimental Science." Dr. Jagger, who has come from Harvard to take charge of the geology department at the Institute, has done considerable work in the geological laboratories at Cambridge on this subject. He explained by means of lantern slides the various stages of geological structure development, such as erosion, sedimentation, eruption, etc. The talk was presented in a very interesting manner.

### Technology Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held yesterday evening. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Guy Lowell, '94; Vice-President, Francis H. Williams, '73; Secretary, Walter Humphreys, '97; Treasurer, Seth K. Humphrey, '97. Council for three years: William W. Crosby, '93; John O. De Wolf, '90; George O. Draper, '87; Frank G. Stantial, '79; Robert S. Weston, '94.

A very interesting smoke talk on Nova Scotia by Mr. L. O. Towne, '78, followed the business meeting.

## TUG-OF-WAR.

**Rules Governing Contest.**

The number of men is limited to twenty-five from each class. No artificial means will be employed. Each contestant shall pull standing. The length of the pull shall be five (5) minutes.

The rope shall be of sufficient length to allow for a "pull" of fifteen feet, and for fifteen feet slack at each end, together with four feet for each competitor; it shall not be less than four inches in circumference, and shall be without knot or other holdings for the hands. A centre tape shall be affixed at the centre of the rope and fifteen feet on each side of the centre tape two side tapes shall be affixed to the rope.

A centre line shall be marked on the ground, and fifteen feet on either side of the centre line, two side lines parallel thereto.

At the start, the rope shall be taut, and the centre tape over the centre line, and the competitors shall be outside the side lines. The start shall be by firing of a pistol.

The pull shall be won when one team shall have pulled the side line of the opposing side over the centre line, or, at the end of five minutes, the team whose side tape is farthest from the centre ground line.

No competitor shall wear boots or shoes with any projecting nails, springs or points of any kind, or make any holes in the ground with his feet or in any way before the start; or wilfully touch the ground with any part of his person but his foot.

Any direct interference by any coach or spectator may render the side assisted liable to disqualification by the referee, and his judgment shall be final.

### Chess.

All interested in seeing a Chess Team formed this year, or in becoming acquainted with other players for informal matches, should send their names to H. M. Edmunds, '05, without delay. It is earnestly hoped that members of the two lower classes will respond to this call in order that the club may be organized again this year.