CHOICE OF COURSE LECTURE.

Second Lecture to Freshmen on the Choice of Studies.

Professor Richards opened the second Choice of Course lecture on Wednesday afternoon. He mentioned the importance of soundness and health as special requirements in the profession of a mining engineer. Dividing the subject of mining engineering into mining proper, geology and metallurgy, he described each line in detail, with special reference to the options offered in Course III.

Professor Lanza, invitating the field of that profession his chances for use, urged men to choose their work description of the Mechanical Engineering Course offered here. The number of attendance, after which Wittaker the dual meet, urging enthusiasm and "The Carnegie Foundation is a non-professional education proper, his chances for usefulness are large. The mechanical engineer today is, according to Professor Lanza, invading the field of civil engineering in lines of construction.

Naval architecture was described by Professor Peabody as being closely allied to mechanical engineering, and men choosing to follow ship building should have a good standing in mathematics, descriptive geometry, drawing and physics, together with steam engineering and applied mechanics. The small number of men in the course is also an advantage in some ways.

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1909 CLASS MEETING.

The Freshmen gave their approval of the introduction of Sigma Xi at Tech last Tuesday evening. Professor Cross said that the Physics Course is a non-professional one, and not of especial use to the practical engineer. It is a course in preparation for teaching or research, or with allied subjects, may be considered the basis for a general scientific education.

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MUSICAL CLUB EXCUSES.

After this date, Dec. 15, no excusing of absences from Concert will be accepted unless previously excused from attending by the General Manager and unless the note is left in Box 81 or by satisfying the General Manager personally. The Club leader must also be notified.

PRESIDENT PRITCHETT RESIGNS.

Dr. Henry S. Pritchett Wednesday afternoon announced his determination to resign from the presidency of the Institute, a position which he has held for five years, as soon as his successor can be secured. Dr. Pritchett has taken this step because he desires to devote himself exclusively to the work of promoting the objects of the Carnegie Foundation, of whose board of trustees he is the president.

Dr. Pritchett's formal resignation was handed to the secretary of the executive committee of the Corporation Tuesday, but the other members of the committee did not know anything about his intention until Wednesday afternoon.

"I loyally regret," said President Pritchett, in announcing his resignation, "the necessity of separating from the Institute and its officers and faculty and students, I have enjoyed the work here, and the most cordial relations have always existed between us. I have also deep regret that I cannot continue to be of service to Roswell and Massachusetts, for both of which I have formed the strongest ties.

"Having accepted the presidency of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Foundation, however, I feel that it is my duty to resign as the executive head of the Institute. I think there is a larger field of usefulness for me in the new work to which I am going. I have taken at sight of the letter longer than I should have, and my deliberation, and much as I regret it, I believe it is for the best.

"Dr. Pritchett assured the Corporation that he would remain at the head of the Institute until they had found a man to succeed him. He did not ask that an effort be made to secure a successor as soon as possible, but declared that he would never leave Technology in the lurch, signifying his willingness to give the committee all the time it needed to select a competent man to follow him.

"In New York, Wednesday evening, Dr. Pritchett gave an enthusiastic statement of his future work.

"The Carnegie Foundation is an educational work on so broad a scale, taking in, as it does, the universities and colleges, large and small, of the United States and Canada, that the invitation to have a hand in shaping the work at the outset was one which I could not refuse.

"It is designed to aid teachers and professors and to make possible greater opportunities for research work. The first step that will be taken will be the establishment of a pension system, under which aged professors may be retired, and room made for younger and more progressive men.

"Owing to the peculiar organization of this Institute, the Corporation as a body has nothing whatever to do with the selection, the removal, or the resignation of a president. The president is appointed by the executive committee of the Corporation, and that body alone has power to act upon his resignation. There is no doubt that Dr. Pritchett's resignation will finally be accepted, because he has said that his decision to retire is final and will not be reconsidered.

"No one is yet able to suspect a possibility of intransigence on the part of Dr. Pritchett, although the matter has probably been considered by those who were in his confidence in regard to his intention to resign. The members of the executive committee who have been seen deny that the resignation of a successor had even been considered, and it is certain that no names have been mentioned in a formal way.

MUSICAL CLUB CONCERT.

The Musical Clubs gave their fourth concert of the term before a large and appreciative audience at the Lynn Young Men's Christian Association Thursday evening. The result was most successful and promises well for the coming Winter Concert. The readings of Miss Walter and the solos of Jenkins, '09, and of Thompson, '08, were roundly applauded, and the new vaudeville features introduced by the Mandolin and the Banjo Clubs caused much amusement.

The programme was as follows:

1. "Tech Forever!" F. F. Bulbard, '87

2. "In Society," Waltz

3. "A Bashful Bachelor" Glee Club

4. "In a Gondola" Banjo Club

5. "Moonlight" Mandolin Club


The audience was largely from the Institute and the Corporation, and the ticket receipts were large.

WINTER CONCERT.

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