LIVELY KOMMERS.

Students have Pleasant Evening in spite of Non-Appearance of Speaker.

Mr. C. Howard Walker, Director of the Museum of School Design, founded by the School of Design of the Lowell Institute, who was to have spoken at the Kommers last Saturday, failed to appear; and the men were obliged to furnish their own entertainment.

Mr. Walker, as Architectural Department, where he is well known among the students as an extremely interesting and versatile speaker and the committee in charge expected an exceptionally successful evening.

His absence at the beginning of the meal caused no uneasiness, as everyone believed that he would soon arrive, but as the courses succeeded each other without his appearance, they began to grow uneasy and made every effort to get in touch with him. It was not possible to trace him, and with the dessert J. Robbins, '07, was obliged to announce that there would be no speaker that evening, and that they must rely on their own ingenuity to supply them with amusements. It proved a munificent spread, and songs were sung during dinner and, after Robbins had made his announcement, the men gathered around the piano and spent the remainder of the evening singing and smoking.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The editor does not hold himself responsible for the establishment of any impression presented.

To The Editor of The Tech:

Secrecy is always looked upon with great distrust when employed by men in positions of trust to hide their doings. The other day the writer had occasion to inquire who was the manager of the Fencing Team. The question was directed to the captain and he answered. "D. J. Robbins." The writer asked if he had been elected, his name was not to be made public. When asked the reason for this reticence, no definite reply was to be had, but it was intimated that it was best, so the manager thought, to conceal his identity from the Faculty.

Now if the Fencing Team has a manager, there is no reason why his identity should be concealed from the Faculty or from the student body, consequently take this opportunity to publicly inquire who he is. What possible reason can he have to conceal his name from the Faculty? Right here lies the mystery which is trying to evade one of Tech's most popular sports. It has not been customary in the past to have any dignity or respect for Tech which even savors of political intrigue. There is no reason why the manager of the Fencing Team should feel called upon to introduce any of these petty tricks here. If the manager is a real manager, and we know for a fact there is such a man, he has secured his position by the popular demand of his ward, why should he try to conceal his identity? If there is any such reason let him sever his connections with the team entirely and let the team select a man who

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Dr. Van Dyke appeals.

DR. VAN DYKE ADDRESSES STUDENTS AT GENERAL CONVOCATION.

At a general convocation held Friday at 2 o'clock, President J. B. Harlow presided, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays, and said that any Tech man who was unable to go home for the Christmas holidays,

Major Bigelow Entertains Large Party at House in Preparation for Kommers.

The third and last rehearsal of this week's Kommers was held last Saturday night at the Selectmen's Club. Major John Bigelow, Jr., Professor of French and head of the Modern Language Department, and Major Bigelow is deeply interested in student life and has always lamented the lack of good fellowship at the Institute, which he attributes in a great measure to the paucity of good student songs. It has seemed particularly appropriate to him at this time, when a Senior Kommers Book Committee has undertaken to revise the old book, to speak to the student body about the value of good songs and jovial singing. With this in mind he has decided to give the Kommers to illustrate his point and bring it forcibly to the notice of the students. He has collected a large number of songs, and, since the German students are famous for their polity and singing, a proportion of these songs have been taken from the student songs of Nazareth.

Twelve gentlemen, among whom are Messrs. Lens, Meister, Vogel, Baeuerlein, Stuhlinger, Bohl, L. Holder, Wilke, and Ebert, have volunteered to sing on this occasion and they have been practicing their songs assiduously for some time. The final rehearsal took place last Saturday afternoon and was full of amusement. Many Tech songs were sung during dinner and, after Robbins had made his announcement, the men gathered around the piano and spent the remainder of the evening singing and smoking.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Institute Committee.—There will be a meeting of the Institute Committee in the Trophy Room today at 1 p.m.

At the autumn meeting of the National Association of Biochemists held November 20, 21, and 22, in the new buildings of the Harvard Medical School, Prof. A. A. Noyes read a paper on "The Conductivity, Ionization, and Hydrolysis of Salts in Aqueous Solution at High Temperatures." Gilbert N. Lewis, research associate in Physical Chemistry, delivered a paper on "The Free Energy of Oxidation Processes."

ADDRESSES A. C. C.

At the first regular meeting of the New York section of the American Chemical Society held recently in New York, Prof. Winslow, of the biological department, spoke on "The Purification of Sewage." Prof. Winslow presented the prominent features of the development of sewage treatment in a clear and comprehensive manner, showing numerous slides to illustrate his point. He also presented a paper on the sewage experiment station and finally spoke of the latest developments in the purification of sewage.

MISSOURI CLUB MEETS.

The annual dinner and business meeting of the Missouri Club which was held at the Union last Thursday evening was one of the most rousing and enthusiastic that the club has ever held. Retiring President J. B. Harlow presided. Dr. Prietl, who is a Missouri man, was re-elected honorary president of the club. The election for a new president was close between E. S. Brown, '08, and W. F. Dolke, '08, and was decided by a vote of 35 for Brown and Dolke became vice-president.

Missouri Club meets.

The Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, has seventy-five candidates for places on the university debating team.