

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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any former year." The work of all the committees in charge of the Union, and especially the excellent work of the Entertainment Committee is highly praised.

Prof. Burton calls attention to the fact that the general tone of student life has been much improved, and that the Union has done much to promote sociability among undergraduates; but he also states that the Institute needs some general society of upper classmen, which has for its basis excellence in scholarship.

Report of Medical Examiner.

Dr. White strongly advises the men to take a few weeks' rest at the end of the school year. He says: "Each year I find a certain number of men who get tired and whose work suffers early in the fall term from lack of this rest."

The question of an Institute infirmary is very thoroughly discussed, and Dr. White points out that this sort of establishment, while unnecessary and even impossible at present, will be highly desirable when the Institute moves to its new site. The Institute has one or two free beds at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and there is never any difficulty in getting students admitted to the hospital even when these beds are occupied. Furthermore, poor students are never required to pay for medical treatment. For these reasons it would be unwise to attempt to establish a students' infirmary until the permanent location of the Institute is definitely settled.

Report of the Librarian.

6,423 books and pamphlets have been added to the Institute library during the year past. The libraries of the Institute now contain 86,554 volumes and 23,819 pamphlets, valued at \$182,223.37. Many valuable gifts of books have been received during the year; the most noticeable of these is the gift of the economics library of 1,336 volumes of Gen. Francis A. Walker, former president of the Institute.

Report of the Registrar

The registration this year is larger than any previous year, having risen to 1,470. The new students make up 39 per cent. of this number; 83 per cent. of the men are in Engineering Courses; 7 per cent. in Scientific Courses, and 10 per cent. in Architecture. There are only eight women students at the Institute, less than in any previous year.

Report of Departments.

No important changes either in the policies or in the personnel of the instructing staffs of the various departments, which are not already generally known, have been made. The points which the reports of all the departments have in common, are as follows:

1. The need of more space has been very pressing in all the departments.
2. The equipments of the departments are in general satisfactory.
3. In all the departments the number of positions to be filled has exceeded the number of graduates.

Prof. Allen points out the urgent need of a Summer School of Surveying for the Civil and Sanitary Engineers. Prof. F. W. Chalmers urges the establishment of a travelling fellowship in the Architectural Department. Prof. Talbot points to the need of greater laboratory facilities. Prof. Jackson makes the following very significant statement: "Our instructors are several years from the day of their graduation and are between twenty-four and thirty years of age,—an age at which it is natural for young men to consider marriage seriously; but our instructors' salaries are ridiculously inadequate to support such ventures." He strongly urges some rational process for the faster promotion of the younger men in the department.

The general tone of the Presidents Report is optimistic. The needs of the Institute are great, but the loyalty of the alumni and of all those connected with the Institute make it probable that these needs will be adequately met when the time comes.

Rome, Feb. 16.—The Pope today approved the appointment of the Rev. J. J. Nilan of Amesbury, Mass., as bishop of Hartford, Ct.

CATHOLIC CLUB ADDRESSED

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Chamber of Commerce are to furnish trading news compiled by means of special committees well versed and interested in such proceedings, to gather market statistics, adjust disputes arising through transactions in merchandise and to endeavor to promote good feeling between merchants. The society has extended its scope of previous years in entering upon the stimulation of individual interest in business affairs. It aims to bring about the crystallization of public sentiment, its potent influence being due to its broadness of organization.

The Chamber of Commerce is booming reciprocity with Canada. It has sent delegations to Canada to accomplish this result but as yet has not been successful, but it believes that eventually commercial freedom will extend throughout North America.

One of the most novel aspirations of the Chamber of Commerce is to maintain in New England excellence in every manufacture; in other words it is working for a quality standard. Technology will be looked to for the establishment of these standards. It seeks to make Boston the happy abiding place of a happy and contented body of people, by booming prevention of disease, a system of old-age pension and by advocating conservation of fuel and forests and other natural resources.

Fifty committees of about seven men each consider economic questions arising within their assigned scope. A new committee is now being formed—a ways and means committee—of two hundred and fifty men as representatives of various professions.

A business meeting was held after the lecture and it was decided to run a dance on or about the first of April. By the enthusiasm of the members present the success of this dance seems assured. Invitations are already being distributed and a large gathering is expected to attend. The dance will be only the second annual dance given by the Catholic Club and it is hoped that its success will be so great as to make the affair an annual occurrence which shall be regarded as one of the great benefits of the Club.

JUNIOR PROM

The Junior Prom. Committee has succeeded in obtaining the consent of the following to act as matrons at the Prom. in April: Mrs. Richard C. MacLaurin, Mrs. Eben S. Draper, Mrs. Curtis Guild, Jr., and Mrs. George Wigglesworth.

The committee wish to emphasize the fact that the Prom. is an Institute affair and not an affair for the Junior Class alone. The fact that as yet only sixty or seventy fellows have shown their intention of going to the Prom by signing a slip to that effect may be due to a misunderstanding of the above. Members of the freshman class are just as welcome as upperclassmen. Suggestions from any of the students as to music to be played at the Prom. are very much desired by the Committee, but, in spite of the many notices to this effect none have been received.

CHEMICAL CLUB.—The next meeting of the Boylston Chemical Club of Harvard will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 8 o'clock, at Room 9, Boylston Hall. Prof. G. P. Baxter will speak on the "Rare Gases," and will illustrate by experiment.

Members of the M. I. T. Chem. Society are cordially invited.

The Course IV Special Issue is coming out next Saturday, and it is going to be a corker. A picture of a large number of the men in the Architectural Course will grace the first page, and they have their "Friends" with them. From every standpoint, this will be an artistic number; artistic arrangement, artistic paper, and the customary artistic price, five cents. Get in early and leave your order for a few of these to send to your friends, to let them know something of this feature of Institute life.

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