ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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The Electrical Engineering Society dates back to October 25, 1888, when a meeting was held in the Chemical Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the purpose of forming an Electric Club. The object of the club was "to bring together persons interested in the study of Electricity for Discussion and Improvement."

It had its beginning in the early days of Electrical Engineering which was hurriedly brought off from the Physics Department. For the first two years the club held excursions to points of engineering interest and listened to lectures given by men of prominence in the Engineering World.

In Nineteen, the name of the Club was changed to the "Electrical Engineering Society." This change was approved, somewhat broadened the scope of the Society. The object of the club being at present, the discussion of Electrical and Allied Engineering Subjects, the advancement of electrical information and the promotion of good fellowship among its members.

It was formerly the custom of the Society to hold informal "smoke talks," but lately these have given way to dinners, many of which are generally held in the Union each term. The final banquet of the year is generally held at a down-town hotel and the Society appoints a prominent engineer as speaker and guest.

In 1993 the Society cooperated with the local section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in several joint meetings held in the Old Union. The official emblem of the Society, adopted a number of years ago is a gold bangle in the form of a Communicator.

With the growth of Course VI. the Society has become very large and the members themselves do not now present papers to the extent formerly done, it being considered more advantageous for the larger number to call in prominent engineers actively engaged in electrical work for the discussion of Electrical and Allied Engineering Subjects, the advancement of electrical information and the promotion of good fellowship among its members.

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