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What is the matter with the Church? Was this question an
excited in your mind yesterday noon by
Mr. Lockrow? Mr. Lockrow pointed out to the men why they
needed the churches and why the
churches needed them. It is doubly
less true that at least eighty per cent of the undergraduates pay very little
attention to the religious advantages
 offered in the church. In fact most of
them neglect them entirely, and in
that way form habits which are very
hard to get away from in later life.
It is sometimes a hardship to any
of us, to spend an hour on each
Sabbath day in some house of wor-
ship. Let us hope that the Institute
will take Mr. Lockrow's talk to
their system along with their scien-
tic training.

If you should know of a man who
become the head of his course at Tech a short ten years after his graduation do you not think that so
progressive a man might be able to
tell some interesting things? So do
we.
Professor George Fillmore Swain, who talks at the Civil Engineering Society dinner in the Union this
evening, graduated from the Institute in 1877. In 1887 he was put in full
charge of the course in Civil Engi-
neering. He has been "making good"
...ever since.
Enough said.

Have you ordered the Field Day Special of THE TECH? The edition will be limited. I suppose you know.

Wonder why the Freshman tem-
porary football captain never shows
up on time. There will have a new
temporary.

Did you know that the New Site Special gotten out by THE TECH has beat the city newspapers by more
than an hour in getting on the

GLEE CLUB SHOWS
GREAT PROMISE
Final Cut to Twenty Men Will Be Made Next Week—First Tenors Still Needed.

The Glee Club is well under way to-
toward its final formation. At the first
meeting about 75 men were present,
which, according to Leader Robinson,
is the largest sound ever out for the
Technology Glee Club. At present
there are about 37 candidates left.
Next week the final cut will be made,
where after the club will consist of
20 members and the leader.

Coach Luce still issues a call for
first tenors, and a really good first
tenor stands an excellent opportunity
of making the club. With the exception
of the lack of men for this past,
the leader sees no reason why the
club should not be one of the best
for years.

At the rehearsal yesterday two
songs were practiced, Scott's "Can-
nibal Song" and Parke's "Obituary.
In a short time a final decision will
be made as to the trips which the
club will take.

C. E. DINNER TONIGHT.
Talk by Prof. Swain, Former Head of Department.

The Civil Engineering Society will
hold its first dinner of the year to-
night at 6.30 sharp in the Union.
Chief speaker of the evening will be
George Fillmore Swain, a graduate of
Tech in the Class of 1877, and head
of the Civil Engineering Department
from 1894 to 1909.

Prof. Swain is at present at the
head of the Civil Engineering Depart-
ment of the Harrod Graduate School
of Applied Science. He was the first
man to be selected engineering expert
by the Massachusetts Railroad Com-
mission in 1887, was a member of the
Boston Transit Commission from
1904 until the time that the commis-
ion ceased to exist, at one time Vice-
president of the American Society
of Civil Engineers, chairman of the
Committee on Uniform Tests for Con-
crete, and a past president of the Society for
the Promotion of Engineering Education
and of the Boston Society of Civil
Engineers, and at the present time
is an active member of the National
Conservation Commission, the Insti-
tution of Civil Engineers of London,
and of the Society of Engineers and
Architects of Hanover, Germany.

From this protracted series of facts
one would be led to think that Prof.
Swain was "polite" and sincere, and
would make no mistake in so thinking. He
is an expert in all branches of civil
engineering, and beyond that has the
reputation of being a most pleasing
and interesting speaker. He speaks
from the shoulder and his remarks
are forceful and direct. The Civils
expect an unprecedented attendance
at this, their first dinner, for they
are taking as assumed the great popular-
ity of Prof. Swain.

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