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Tech Men Investigate Geophysics
Near Noted Crater at Kilauea.

Few men realize the work that Tech carries on in foreign fields. One of the foremost stations is the one which was located in Hawaii in 1911, to carry on experiments and researches in geophysics. The Whitney estate provided in 1909 an endowment fund of $50,000 for researches in geophysics which would lead to the protection of life and property from volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. The income from this fund was not available until this year, when the observatory station was established at Kilauea, with Mr. Perrett in charge.

A cableway was built for carrying the crater and lowering instruments for making observations. The cable ran from the ground to be in continual motion. An iron pot was lowered into the crater by the cable and lava for experimental purposes was obtained and stored. This shows the kind of work the men do and it is needless to say that they have many setbacks to contend with on account of the continual changing of the height of the surface of the lake, which is about three feet in the crater.

The equipment of the station consists of a Zeiss telemeter, a portable seismoscope, Zehnder photographs, thermographs, barographs, anemometers, microphones. The seismoscope is one designed by Mr. Perrett, and shows that the ground to be in continual motion.

COMMUNICATION.

We invite communications from all men in the Institute for important subjects. We take no responsibility for them; they are printed as we receive them, and are printed as we receive them, whether they are signed or not.

As the writer of the communication published several days ago in THE TECH, which was opposed to the founding of an honorary scholastic society at the Institute, and the one that the writer of yesterday's letter evidently refers to, I wish to defend myself and present an argument in favor of his. He states that high scholastic ability is not recognized at the Institute. In this I certainly disagree with him. Is it necessary to crown the victor of his studies? If a man has a certain duty to perform and does it, does he deserve special recognition for his work? If a man is sent to the Institute by his parents to learn a profession, he naturally looks out the one that he is especially interested in and spends all his time in working to this end, and, of course, will, if he has the average amount of brains, come out with flying colors. Do you think that that man should be awarded a prize for the results of his work? I do not for a moment want you to think that hard work should not be rewarded in some form or other, but a man that works harder in studying and gets better results than somebody else, the chances are that he will be rewarded anyway. While in the "State" it looked up to be other than a smart fellow, unless he is a grind, then he is laughed at.

In addition to the argument that has already been advanced opposing the society, there might be mentioned the difficulties of picking the men from the different courses that deserve special recognition. The classes are so widely different that it will be very difficult to tell, for instance, if a (Continued to Page 4.)

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