REORGANIZATION OF THE CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club held a meeting yesterday afternoon in one of the lecture rooms in Engineering C. About a dozen men were present, many of whom had not been at the club for several years. The meeting was decided to completely reorganize the club. The first business before the meeting was the consideration of the resignations of the former president and secretary-treasurer, which were accepted. The following officers were then elected: President, Mr. Baker; Vice-President, Mr. Brown, and Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Merrill. The immediately assumed their duties, and plans for the future activity of the club were discussed. It was suggested that matches be arranged with clubs of the large colleges in this vicinity, but this was decided to be impractical, as the time before the end of the year is so short and the officers cannot judge at present what our men are able to do. A team from the Institute would be greatly handicapped by the fact that in other schools there were always more men interested in the game. The members then voted to have a tournament among themselves in order to give the men both pleasure and experience. The secretary was instructed to procure the tabular views of all the players and arrange the first game between them. The subsequent matches, however, will be arranged by the individuals themselves. The secretaries were instructed to give the tabular views of all the players to the members and the previous ones may be discussed.

AN EXAMPLE.

Have Course 2 men more spirit than have them in the other Courses, or is the Mechanical Engineering Co. Society interested in a better manner than the rest of the professional societies around the Institute? We ask this question because the M. E. Society this year has been most successful in all its undertakings.

Everyone seems to have gone off well. The banquet was a large success, the fellows paid their dues not only as a matter of duty, but also because they felt it was worth their while, and knew they were getting something out of it. The officers have been chosen with common sense, and the attendance accordingly has been beyond expectations. The society has set a precedent for other societies to follow in the way in which it has fostered the presentation of the thesis by the society. This is a true exhibition idea, and this chance given the men of presenting their papers encourages continuance in research work.

The society works hand in hand with the staff, and this, of necessity, must aid both professors and men. The banquet, as we said above, was a great success, and was held by many to have been the best society dinner ever run by any Course.

Why can't the other Courses help their societies in a like manner? We can call to mind two instances lately which are diagnostic, namely the last meeting of the Mining Engineering Society, and the recent trip of the B. E. Society to Watertown. At the first named a professor from another course went to a lot of trouble and inconvenience to give a lecture. Notices were posted on all the bulletin boards and ample warning given the men. What was the result? Only thirty men turned out at the meeting, and out of that number four were officers of the society. In the other case, the trip to Watertown, the attendance was exactly eighteen, truly a phenomenal number out of the large enrollment in Course 6.

The excellent example given by the Course 2 men should be taken to heart by the men in other Courses and their societies should accordingly benefit.