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COURSE III MEN

Last Meeting of Mining Engineering Society in Union

Thursday, May 15

The last meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held in the Union at 8 o'clock tonight. The meeting will consist of a review of the work of the past year, and President R. R. Richards, who has been secured as speaker for the evening, has chosen his topic, "Mining Service," for his address. His remarks will be of general as well as professional interest to the men. Next year's officers, which include a president-elect, treasurer, secretary and executive committee of two, are to be elected at the meeting. The present officers urge the attendance of every member as the elections and freshmernships will be served as usual.

Professor Richards is at the head of the Mining Engineering Department, and a few months ago made a trip through some of the mining schools of the nation. He spent some time at Golden, Colorado, where the Colorado School of Mines is located, and the most famous of his kind, is situated. He also visited Denver, the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Missouri, and Michigan, where a great deal of copper concentrating is done. He found the trip pleasant, and his men will be sure to enjoy his account of it.

Professor Richards graduated from the Institute in 1869, and has had his present title of Professor of Mining Engineering since 1884. He has been president of the Alumni Association and of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and is now a honorary member of the latter society and of other professional associations. For several years he has been the Honorary President of the Course III Society here.

FOUNDRY EXCURSION.

Course 2, second year men, will visit the foundries of the Blake and Knowles pump works, third street, East Cambridge, this week. The men will go in two groups, the first group on Thursday, May 15, and the second on Friday afternoon, May 16. To get there take a Subway train at 8:00 and connect with the train that meets at the offices of the works at 2 P.M. sharp.

USES OF ALUMINUM.

Although only a few years ago aluminum was comparatively rare and expensive metal, its uses is increasing very rapidly. Since aluminum has been introduced into practical use, aluminum has been the most satisfactory metal in many cases, where extreme lightness as well as great strength are essential. In the form of magnesium it is used in the beams of analytical balances and other delicate balances. The balance of the three-foot beam of the magnalium is used for the maintenance of the school of architecture.

The Institute will also in Pratt's words make the money seem a long way off, as well as fill the coat pockets. The £6000 has accumulated, or, in any event, at the end of twenty-one years after the executor's death, when the entire fund is to be turned over to the buildings committee, which will use the money for the buildings of the school. The gift is conditional upon the erection of the building of which the executor will select, and which is to be turned over to the school, which is to be used for the maintenance of the school of architecture.

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The Institute was once more the recipient of a handsome gift to aid in the construction of the buildings on the lands now to be turned over by the late Charles Herbert Pratt, a prominent Boston lawyer, who died on May, and a valuable donation of $700,000 to the construction of a new architectural school. Mr. Pratt, who was not a graduate of this institution, gave the money through his interest in the welfare of the great technical school.