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THE TECH EXTRA

Professor Sedgwick takes trip westward

Visits Oberlin College and talks on phases of sanitary question.

Professor Sedgwick has recently returned from a visit to Oberlin, Ohio. He visited the Oberlin Institute and gave an address to the Oberlin Improvement Society which was well attended. His lecture was on Village sanitation and the Public Health Department, dealing with the sanitation of a village. Professor Sedgwick covered its different phases and treated of the special importance of the community. He spoke also in detail on the common diseases, such as water, milk, etc., and the sewage disposal. He tried to show the relation of Village Sanitation to Public Health.

While Professor Sedgwick was in Oberlin he inspected their sewage disposal works, a system which has proved very successful in operation. What proved to him to be the most interesting was the first softening plant for municipal purposes built in the United States. This plant not only softened the water (which is so hard that the people formerly had to resort to rain water), but also yields a supply for domestic and other purposes practically free from iron compounds.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir:—I have said to you already that Dr. O. P. Gillford ought to speak again this year, that is, have decided, it possible, to find a place for him on the program next semester. It is evident, that, unless Dr. Gillford "made a hit," men always enjoy hearing him.

What I have said above seems to imply that all I have to do is to say that Dr. Gillford will speak, and he will. That is really the case, for he is due to come at this time. He enjoys the meetings. In fact, in the year and a half that these talks have been given only one man has expressed any but the highest praise of the meetings. His friends, I think, have been very successful in operation. What proved to him to be the most interesting was the first softening plant for municipal purposes built in the United States. This plant not only softened the water (which is so hard that the people formerly had to resort to rain water), but also yields a supply for domestic and other purposes practically free from iron compounds.

Now I have a request to make. It is this: If you (meaning any individual reader who attends these meetings), like a speaker, tell me so. If you think he is a worth hearing again, let me know. And if you do not like him, say so, as well, although I think you will agree that we have never had a single really poor speaker. The T. C. A. wants to secure the men you want to hear, if possible.

We plan to have at least two talks in January before examination, on the second and the ninth. The speakers have not been secured yet. Are there any men among those you heard last year that you would like to hear on these days? If so, let me know. We try to have men you want, and let the make the attendance bigger than ever before.

Yours very truly,
L. H. Talbot.

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The Monday edition of THE TECH promises to be a steller. Besides containing the remarkable dissertation of "Was Ist Los?" it will be unexcelled in actual news value that is of concern to Tech men. No other edition will contain an item of very great importance, perhaps of great importance than any other this year.