PHILADELPHIA DEPTS.
REFORMED BY TECH MEN

Technology Men Hold Prominent Engineering Positions in Public Works Department.

The Institute may well be proud of the fact that five of its graduates are practically running the Chief Engineer Department of the city of Philadelphia. These men have been enabled to reorganize this department which, unfortunately, have not always been run with the best interests of the people in view.

The Mayor of Philadelphia, Hon. Rudolph Blankenburg, is carrying on an campaign in local government in which "Efficiency" is the watchword, accordingly he has asked various experts to tell him about the practical conditions attending the city work of that city. The most important of the positions which the Mayor has asked the Tech men to fill is that of Deputy Engineer in charge of street lighting. This post has been given to Assistant Naval Constructor James Reed, U. S. N., who graduated from the Institute in 1897. Mr. Reed is in charge of the important details of standardization which has helped to eliminate politics from the department. His training has been a remarkable one, well fitting him for this kind of work. He came from the United States Naval Academy to the Institute, finishing with the degree of S. M. and for practical training was in the navy yard at Boston and New York, with the Westinghouse Company and various steel companies and in various steel mills of Pennsylvania. Besides four years of service in the navy he became the naval attaché of the American Legations in Santiago, Buenos Ayres, and Montevideo. On the request of the Philadelphia authorities he was given leave of absence in February, 1913, and after six months more at the City Hall he expects to return to his naval duties. He is one of the men from whose work in the fundamental, and on which standards may be established to govern future proceedings in the department.

The next important of these positions is that held by Carlston E. Davis, '93, Chief of the Bureau of Water. Mr. Davis has attracted considerable attention by the way he and his department handled a recent break in the water supply pipes of the city. As a result of a break of a similar nature in the same system a great many people died of typhoid fever. A recurrence of these conditions was prevented by an exceedingly active publicity campaign about the way to prepare the water, which had to be rescued from the Schuylkill River for drinking. Mr. Davis has worked on the water problems of Manchester, N. H., New Bedford, Mass., New York, and the Panama Canal.

The third of the group of Technology men in Mr. Holst Godfrey, '98, Ph.D., Sc.D., who is chief of the Bureau of Gas. His position, like that of Mr. Reed, is chiefly temporary. One of the tasks successfully accomplished by Dr. Godfrey is that of controlling the company which keep the street lighting that it is good.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Religious Technology Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is holding services every night this week, at 7.15, in the Trinity Church Parish House on Columbus street. These services, which are in English, but half an hour before they have been purposely made short to meet the needs of Tech men. Mr. F. H. Kaeland, of the Chemistry Department, conducts these meetings.

A special service will be held Sunday evening in preparation for Easter. The All Tech Episcopalian are heartily invited to attend these meetings and to generally urged to be present Saturday.

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