THE TECH DINNER

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them is not negligible for newspaper use. THE TECH, consequently, affords that training in writing and expression in such a manner as can best and most interestingly understood by the readers.

As engineers, said Mr. Ritchie, men should not curtly show news reporters the door, but they should give them the story directly. Otherwise, the news be ascertained from other sources, and in most cases will be distorted and oftentimes published falsely. The news reporters, said Mr. Ritchie, are so enquiring that it is only once in a while that the secret like the name of "Mr. Smith" can be kept from the newspapers. Newpapers are always willing to take what engineers have to offer them, and the experience gained from the work on THE TECH will enable men to see for themselves the news values, and the necessity for emphasizing these points. It is rare, that service on THE TECH may be of great value. It makes reporters of the men, the engineers in ten years out of school will not feel, however, like exchanging the secret for the name of "Mr. Smith" but that Technology certainly has the

news to justify a daily. The men learn what news is, how to present it, and when it comes to setting forth their own work or that of their employer they can do it understandingly. The paper can be of value to the men. The men working on THE TECH have to divide their interests among their studies and news work, but they should not lay too much emphasis upon the latter, and not enough on their work. The demands in time should not be great, and with a large staff of men, the total burden should not fall with disastrous results upon a few individuals. Mr. Ritchie said that service on THE TECH should be considered honorable and useful experience, training the young engineer into an atmosphere that may prove to be of great benefit to him in after life. Mr. Ritchie then told of the nature of his work, saying that the M. I. T. News Service made the endeavor not to make the papers what they do not want, but to give them news they are anxious to publish, and of interest to others. The work consists essentially of the translating of engineering work and technical terms into language that can be understood by the people.

Mr. David Carbl) was the next speaker, and he said that when he entered the Institute, THE TECH had just expanded into a daily. It had since passed through several stages of miserable proof-reading and of news coloring, with especial reference to "across the river." Mr. Carbl) said that THE TECH now stood for clean journalism. He expressed his regret that it is only once in a while that the secret like the name of "Mr. Smith" can be kept from the newspapers. Newpapers are always willing to take what engineers have to offer them, and the experience gained from the work on THE TECH will enable men to see for themselves the news values, and the necessity for emphasizing these points. It is rare, that Technology certainly has the

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