VALUE OF CHARACTER TRAINING DISCUSSED
T. C. A. Speaker Shows Influence of One's Personality on Self and Others.

At the regular T. C. A. talk yesterday Mr. D. M. Claghorn, of the Boston Y. M. C. A. dealt with the importance of character to a man's success in life. He applied his remarks particularly to Tech men, saying that a strong character is as important to the engineer as his technical training.

Mr. Claghorn defined character as "nature plus nurture," meaning that a man's personality is due partly to his natural characteristics and partly to what he does in the way of developing his qualities. The best man, he said, is the one who combines a strong character with a broad education. Such a one is bound to succeed.

Aside from the influence a man's character has upon his own future, the effect upon others is to be considered. Every young man, said the speaker, is looked up to by some one of his contemporaries. It is the duty of every one to see that he exerts a good influence over those who are affected by his character. Many men are led astray by the influence of some one who has a stronger personality than they. The person who exercises the bad influence is thus perhaps to blame for a life failure.

Mr. Claghorn then spoke of some of the ways in which a man's character is strengthened. Hard work is essential, but attention should also be paid to the necessary recreation and exercise. Habits of economy of money and health can only be acquired by a man with a character and will. As these count largely in success, they should be cultivated in college. The man who has the character to refrain from things which impair his efficiency has a great advantage.

The speaker also mentioned the fact that Tech students are inclined to spend their time dreaming, but to do things, not to blame their failure on circumstances. He told them not to spend their time "on the Hare and Hound runs," which is doubtless annoying to the professor and is certainly so to one who is trying to follow the somewhat complicated questions which are under discussion.

It is also customary for the students to announce the end of the lecture to the professor by noisy movements, which drown all other sound. If the professor is in the middle of an interesting explanation when he receives the summons to stop, it means that so much of the subject which remains, which would probably only occupy a minute or two at most, is lost.

Respectfully,

SOPHOMORE.

HARE AND HOUND RUN (Continued From Page 3.)

The Freshman-Sophomore race is arousing considerable speculation on the part of track men as there has been no long distance run where the men love participated by which to judge them. The Sophomores have four good men that can be relied upon to come in among the first. Benson and Guething are of varsity material and made good last fall in the big intercollegiate run. Graff and Brown are two good runners that are sure of a place on the team.

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