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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mr. W. Humphreys Addresses
Association of Alumni
Secretaries.

Some conception of the tremendous amount of work that is being done by
our Alumni Association may be gotten when we get a glimpse of the meet-
ing of the secretaries and holding the same up to the light of day. Secretary Walter
Humphreys, M. I. T., '97, addressed a meeting of the secretaries of all the
Alumni Associations in the country yesterday morning in New York. His
subject was "How Our Associations Can Best Serve the Alumni Them-
selves."

The paper was indeed a leaf out of
the experience of the Tech Alumni Association of which Mr. Humphreys
is secretary. This is a group of
forty years standing and was at first
a formal organization with an annual
meeting, its general purpose being to help the Institute. There was then
formed an association of the secre-
taries of the different classes which,
met and dined and discussed ques-
tions of common interest. To this
association is due the monthly or the
Technology Review, and the All-
Technology reunion six years ago.
The next step was an ar-
rangement whereby members of the
Corporation are suggested by the
vote of Alumni, and fifteen such
members, three new ones every five
years, are now in the Corporation.

The Alumni Association, uniting
the two earlier groups, has awakened
interest so that local associations
are now to be found in all prominent
centers of the country, and number
about fifty, and these again have
federated themselves and have an
annual meeting, the first in Boston
and next year in Boston. The Alumni
Association further has appointed a
field manager, the same person who
is editor of the Review and who
with the associations and gives them
the latest Technology gossip. The
local associations have proved to be
of great importance not only to the
residents of the centers but to the
Alumni settling in them, who find
frequently opportunities for business
advancement that might be missed
but for the fellowship of the associa-
tion.

The Review is one of the important
means of keeping the Alumni in
contact with one another and with
their alma mater. The news learnt
about the progress of the new build-
ings or the advancement of a brother
alumnus to an important position;
and the news published go into re-
unions and even social matters, so
that thousands of the Alumni are
always in touch with the major fea-
tures of the college year and alumni
life.

Incidentally the Alumni Asso-
ciation has been of benefit to the Insti-
tute itself through the Alumni Coun-
cil. This body meeting once a month
in the school season; discusses and
formulates lines of progress which
seem from the business or the scien-
tific point of view to be in harmony
with the times. This brings to bear
on every problem of importance the

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