CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Last Friday evening at the Union, the Chemical Society held one of the best meetings of the year. The topic of the meeting was "Engineering Efficiency." Dr. Lewis of the Chemical Engineering Department spoke on the Taylor System of Efficiency Engineering.

Mr. Magnus Alexander, head of the Department of Economic Problems of the Linn General Electric Co., spoke on "The Hiring and Firing of Men." Owing to the rush of war business, the trip to the Edison plant at East Orange has been canceled. The next meeting of the Society will be Friday, Feb. 18. The chief speaker will be Mr. Alexander Smith, of Columbia.

will be rather an advantage, as it will give the visitors a better opportunity to circulate about and to judge of the buildings themselves.

We shall not find a completed Technology in June—and I hope there will never be such a thing as a completed M. I. T. To be ahead of the times—or even abreast of the times—an educational institution must continually grow, and I hope our Technology will grow for a thousand years: not necessarily in the size of its student body, but in efficiency, facilities and prestige. To grow and enlarge and improve requires money and even before we move into our new quarters we shall have expended all our available resources, including the munificent gift of the mysterious Mr. Smith.

"I have faith that out of the thousands of alumni who visit the plant in June, there will be many who will see the need, and some who will be able to assist in a larger way. How could anyone attain a greater fame than to become the runningmate of 'Mr. Smith?' I am sure Dr. Macalpine would be glad to dub him 'Jones' or anything else he preferred; and I will guarantee that the Doctor will never divulge his true identity even to any member of his own executive committee. I think it was Ambassador Bryce who, in introducing Dr. Macalpine, said: 'The Scotch are a cautious people; it must be so, because they admit it themselves.' I would like to add, 'The Scotch are a cautious people; it must be so, because you cannot make them admit anything that they wish to keep secret.' But more than munificent gifts from the rich we need gifts from the great body of our alumni. Without cooperation, team-play and enthusiasm money can accomplish nothing. As an evidence of the real team-play of the M. I. T. I want to know that every member of our alumni body

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men everywhere to see that we have such a Memorial and have it soon."

The next speaker was Samuel In- ault, President of the Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago, who emphasized the growing importance and use of electricity in the United States, saying that in a few years to come, owing to the enormous adv- ances made by the use of high-pow- ered turbines, the probability was that most of the railroads would be completely electrified.

The banquet was appropriately omed with an address by Charles A. Stone, '88, the newly elected President of the Alumni Association, who spoke as follows:

"I appreciate more than I can ex- press the honor which your association has conferred upon me in elect- ing me your president for the ensu- ing year, and shall endeavor to carry out the trust which you have imposed to the best of my ability.

"The days fixed for these impor- tant functions are June 12, 12 and 14. The first day will be devoted principally to a farewell to the old buildings and an introduction to the new.

"Tuesday, the 13th, will be fete day, with an excursion for everyone to Nantasket during the day: a reg- isit in the Great Court and water- ice in connection therewith in the evening.

"Wednesday will be mainly devoted to the buildings with dedicatory exercises in the Great Court during the day, and the Alumni Banquet in the evening.

"The program would seem to fairly well fill in the time for three days, but I assure you this is not all. The ever-ingenious executive committee of the reunion committee, Mr. Litch- field, has planned innumerable luncheons, teas, smokes, dinners, cheers, and other stunts which make one's head swim.

"The educational group of buildings will be practically completed by the first of June, and the dormitories ready for occupancy in the Fall. Gymnasm and Walker Memorial will surely, I hope, be under way. The fixtures and equipment of the buildings will not be installed until after the middle of June, but this

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