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HOME TALENT

IT IS gratifying to notice the number of student speakers whose talks on current subjects and problems so enliven professional society meetings at the present time. The practice will undoubtedly become more general still with the growing realization of its value. While the prestige of well-known speakers always makes them more desirable to a technical audience than men of less recognized ability, nevertheless the student contemporary has the advantage of being alive to local problems and interests, and has the additional start over the greater man that his activities and achievements are well known to his audience of fellow-undergraduates.

The greatest attractions, however, offered by the use of home talent are the practice in translating experience into speech which it will give the speakers, and the effect it will have in fostering co-operation and mutual understanding between the students engaged in similar lines of technical endeavor. Prophets so seldom acquire honor in their home localities that the credit thus extended student workers by their fellows is an encouraging sign, pointing to a broadening of common interests in keeping with a bigger and wiser Technology.

THE CALL OF THE WILD

OCCASIONALLY something new takes root in the way of innovations to bring students together. Last Wednesday evening a group of men were drawn into intimate contact by the unhackneyed call of a "Campers'" dinner. Notice the magic of the single word "Campers'." Here was an attraction which furthered good fellowship among the nature-loving men. It was a success, for the lure of recounting experiences along the trail was strong.

And now comes the Course XV "hike" which goes the dinner party one better in that it gives the exhilaration of the exercise rather than to tantalize by description. Whether the idea was or was not instigated by one of the Boston papers is beside the question—outside the Engineering Corps and the Rifle Club it is new in its application to the Institute as a means of obtaining real comradeship.

The prompters of the "Campers'" dinner and the managers of the "hike" are to be complimented for assembling students in the name of the great out-of-doors.

ALFONZO J. GOMEZ

THE sudden death of Alfonso J. Gomez, caused by a cerebral hemorrhage due to overwork, came as a distinct shock to his many friends at the Institute. A native of Colombia, he made a name for himself at Technology and in his brief career here was noted for the energy and tenacity of purpose that made him so esteemed by his teachers and associates. He will always be remembered as a well versed student and leader.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

New Plan of Dinner Preceding Meeting Considered Big Improvement

Last Wednesday evening, the Finance Committee met for an informal dinner in the Caf, which was followed by a regular business meeting. Twenty members were present, Technique alone being unrepresented. John M. DeBell '17 introduced E. G. Senter, Jr., recently elected chairman to succeed H. P. Eddy, Jr., resigned. Mr. Senter spoke briefly on the plans of the Committee for the coming year.

Among the business of the evening, the auditing of activity books was discussed. An Auditing Committee was announced which will consist of Prof. Shugrue, chairman, Mr. S. G. H. Fitch P. F. Maher '19, and E. G. Senter, Jr., ex-officio. The books of the following activities will be presented for auditing by Dec. 16: Civil Engineering Society, Class of 1917, Class of 1919, Cosmopolitan Club, Mining Engineering Society, Musical Clubs, and Tech-Monthly. Other activities will present their books during the week of Dec. 18.

A card system was adopted by which the Finance Committee can keep a close account of the activities, and another system to keep account of the members of the various activities was announced.

The 1916 Technique Board has set aside four hundred dollars to be known as a borrowing fund. The money will be available for loans to the activities upon application to a board of trustees to be appointed.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 10.

RESOLUTION

We, the Class of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, wish to express our very real grief over the death of our classmate and friend, Alfonso Janvier Gomez, and to offer our sincerest sympathy to his parents.

Alfonso Gomez held a high place in the activities of his class and of the Institute. He was president of the Latin American Club, an active member of the Cosmopolitan Club, the Catholic Club and the Chemical Society.

More than that, he was respected by his instructors as a keen, capable student, by his classmates as a sincere, genuine man. As a member of the class we regret his death, as his friends we sorrow and sympathize with his parents.

THE GOVERNING BOARD.

ELECT PROFESSOR

TALBOT CHAIRMAN

At a recent meeting of the North-eastern Section of the American Chemical Society, which has its headquarters in Boston, Professor H. P. Talbot was elected chairman of the section for the ensuing year. Professor Spear was re-elected secretary, while the councillors included Professors Norris, Fay and Talbot. Professor Lewis became a member of the executive committee of the section.

The fall meeting of the American Chemical Society will be held in Boston, in the buildings of the Institute, next September, and the general committee in charge of the arrangements for that meeting, of which Professor Talbot is the chairman, includes Professors Morris, Spear and Walker.

SLIDE RULE LOST

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