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THE MODERN GAME

A SHORT time back it was the ambition of most youngsters with a scientific bent, to indulge in the exciting pastime of airplane model building. The interest in the heavier-than-air vehicle was not restricted to inventors and children, however, for aero societies came into being as spontaneously as a most ultra-progressive literary club. Technology had her aero club as well as the other colleges and for several years maintained a dignified position on a common footing with similar associations. In the competitive glider meets Technology carried off no small share of the honors. When the best glider the club possessed came to grief the club naturally died an inoffensive death.

The old order has changed in this departure as in every other. The intense interest shown in the field of aeronautics has doubled in intensity. The aeroplane has come into its own and the industry is due to experience a phenomenal advance. Technology men are foremost in this fascinating game and upon reliable authority it is asserted that over fifty per cent. of the best fliers in the country today are Institute men. The course in Aeronautics is broadening, and the results obtained in the study of the science of the air are far reaching in their effects. The Technology wind tunnel is being copied in most of the scientific schools of the land. The Institute is up and coming in this new game.

It behooves the progressive students to learn some of the quirks of the land above the earth and its conqueror. The newly formed Aero Club offers one good opportunity, the course in aeronautics another. Lastly, the government has a school for aviators. Think it over.

THE SPREAD OF UNDERSTANDING

PERHAPS one of the greatest advantages of having the New Institute on one campus is the spirit of cooperation and good-feeling that has arisen between different organizations, classes and individuals. It is a spirit that was necessarily lacking in previous years, because of the unfavorable environment for such a spirit to be fostered. An example of such a spirit is the exchange dinners that several of the fraternities have held recently. It shows that the men are anxious to carry out the idea of the Institute, in having dormitories and fraternity houses on the campus, so that the intercourse among the men would be made easier, so that cooperation between students would be more advantageous, and finally to produce a unified Technology with a student spirit unrivaled.

Technique 1916 has established a noteworthy precedent in starting a reserve loan fund. The idea embodied should be an incentive to all the activities at the Institute to investigate the particular benefits of such a fund in lessening the chance of becoming financially embarrassed. Every year cannot be a profitable one. The reserve fund is a credit safeguard. Technique 1916 has done what every activity in the Institute might well endeavor to copy.

Just as considerable interest was being aroused in the communication and petition to Washington, it seems to have been mysteriously spirited away. The four hundred names so far affixed are not sufficient to give full voice to Technology sentiment, and it is to be hoped that the document will be returned to the bulletin board, if it is not too late. Its removal was decidedly premature and unwise.



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ways of each other and so be able to conduct business transactions in time to come. Representatives from the Latin American Club and the Chinese Club were then called on to address the members.

F. Lobos '18, President of the Latin American Club and a native of Chile, expressed thanks in being invited to represent his club. He spoke of the value that would be obtained through such a policy in giving students of different nationalities a better understanding of each other and an appreciation of the wants and expectations between their respective countries in business transactions. He pointed out the reason for present day failure in trade between the merchants of the United States and those of South America by explaining the attitude taken toward the South American natives by contractors from the United States. It seems that Americans assume their own superiority and so create a hostile feeling which results in the failure of active and profitable transactions. The opportunities given the Tech graduate in South America, such as in the field of mining, are many, and a great deal can be done in promoting trade, Lobos claims, by a better understanding between the two nationalities.

The next speaker, T. H. Wu '17, of the Chinese Club, outlined the extent of transportation facilities in China and stated that there is great opportunity for the Tech graduate owing to the fact that the engineering profession is just beginning in China and that results so far have been accomplished mostly by American engineers. He then proceeded to answer questions such as how the railroads are controlled and whether the Standard Oil Company owns much interest in China.

Vicente F. Checa '18, a native of Peru, was then asked to talk on South American trade. After first discussing the present situation, he spoke of possibilities of a better understanding between the United States contractors and those of South America, and showed the better results which could be obtained if such were the case. He stated that the attitude taken towards natives of South America by men sent from United States concerns is directly opposed to friendly business relations. As an example of the methods used by Americans in trying to conduct business in Peru, he told of several incidents where they asked one hundred per cent profit and in return wished to pass off goods which were of the second grade, working on the assumption that they dealt with inferior merchants who did not know the values that should be obtained for their money. As a reason for the success of German tradesmen there, he explained that they become citizens and take interest in the welfare of the country, and also learn the language; while the Americans do not become citizens and do not try to learn the language because they expect the natives to understand English. He told of cases where Americans would have nothing to do with the natives because they could not speak English. The members of the Corporation then asked Checa many questions. He was hard pressed at times, but the answers always resulted in very interesting and amusing stories.

T. C. Yeh '19 of the Chinese Club spoke of the imports and exports between the United States and China. The imports from the United States consist chiefly in electrical apparatus, automobile and railroad supplies, petroleum and woolen goods. Considering these important goods, he told of the advantages that could be obtained through a mutual understanding be-

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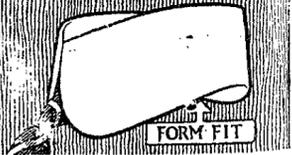
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