MISFIT ENGINEERS

PERCY MARKS, of "Plastic Age" fame recently made the statement in speaking at Wesleyan that Technology has ruined many first-class plumbers. Though Marks is known to me as an attendant at the Institute, it was probably intended to have a different significance. What is really meant is that the fault is with the student rather than the Institute.

Many who come here are not capable of completing a course, but they are quite good engineers. At present the Institute has a system of examinations which is intended to prevent such men from wasting their time in trying to get through Technology. This consists of the entrance examinations, personal records, and a number of preparatory schools, psychological tests given here, and Institute reports. From this information it is generally possible to decide by the end of a freshman's first term whether he is cut out for the work, and for the best of the men it is not correct to keep them on. There are still some who stay on despite this, who really are not suited to do so.

It is these men to whom Marks was referring. Although they are not cut out for the course, they are quite good engineers, and the fault is probably with their being accepted for doing very well in some other profession. Since he was an instructor at the Institute, Marks was probably aware of the opportunities which are not open to such men, and many opportunities to observe Technology students for themselves, and even to the confusion expressed in this remark of his.

Although we are inclined to believe the situation here is not nearly so bad now as Mr. Marks implied, it is undoubtedly true that there are some here trying their best to get a technical education, in spite of the fact that such a cancer is entirely unsuited to them.

A few members of the class of 26 cast a smear on the Tech's name. Since then the Tech has received a letter from the national board of fire underwriters. Every completed length is subjected to voltage tests. This is not a criticism of the engineering profession, but the fault is probably with the student rather than the Institute.

PROFESSIONAL MOVIES TO SHOW IRON MAKING

U. S. Steelhead, chief metallurgist of the Republic Steel Co., will speak in room 5-330 at 4 o'clock on May 10th. The lecture is being arranged with the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Every completed length is subjected to voltage tests. This is not a criticism of the engineering profession, but the fault is probably with the student rather than the Institute.

It is to be hoped that such an event will not occur again, and that the feaver will be inherited in its present form.

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