

thing to eat together, and a hearty song by the members gathered about a companion at the piano, does much towards that happy spirit of good fellowship of which we of Technology are just beginning to learn.

The next meeting of the Society is designed by the Program Committee to be a particularly attractive one. Mr. J. M. Dodge, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, has promised to address the Society. Mr. Dodge is a fine speaker. His paper at the late meeting of the American Society on "The Commercial Value of a Technical Education" has attracted very general commendation.

Another line of work has been taken up by a special committee, Messrs. Charles, Tripp and Mr. J. C. Riley. The aim is to provide suggestions and information that are sufficient to enable students interested to visit most profitably some of the best examples of modern practice which are so plentiful in Greater Boston.

EVERETT O. HILLER.

### Mining Engineering Society.

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The Mining Engineering Society was organized in 1897 for the purpose of awakening and maintaining an active interest in the study of mining engineering among its members. The idea of the founders was to have papers read before the Society by its own members, thus giving valuable experience in the presentation of papers, in addition to the profit received by the hearers. It was soon found, however, that this plan could not be relied upon alone, owing to the pressure of work on the Seniors, on whom this labor of presenting papers largely devolved. The papers were interspersed with talks given by members of the Faculty and the instructing staff, whose work was closely connected with the subject of mining or metallurgy. For the past year or two nearly all the meetings have been addressed by members of the instructing staff,

no papers being presented by the student members. It is proposed to have, during the present year, a series of addresses before the Society by leading mining engineers resident in or near Boston.

The Society has a present active membership of about seventy-five, composed of students of mining engineering in the Junior and Senior classes. Students of mining engineering may be admitted to membership in the Society in the second term of their Sophomore year.

ROY H. ALLEN.

### The Architectural Society.

The Architectural Society, though a professional society, has, perhaps, a more social character than any of the others at Tech.

During the year a dinner and frequent smoke talks are given. These latter are informal meetings, at which some man gives a talk to the Society, and light refreshments are served. Besides the regular business routine, a blue-print and tracing committee is maintained, which has prints of architectural subjects made and furnished to members at nominal prices.

But the most important work done is the publishing every year of a catalogue of the work of the department. The best and most interesting drawings are reproduced in half-tone, and the annual thus forms a valuable as well as an interesting record for the students and those interested in architecture generally. The Catalogue Committee of this year deserves very high praise for having produced the finest annual that the Society has yet issued.

JAMES M. F. BAKER.

### The Chemical Society.

The Chemical Society might well be called the infant among the societies at the Institute, not by any means from a point of view of size, but from that of age. The first meeting was held at the Tech Union on Jan. 9, 1903, so that it will be observed that a year has not yet elapsed since its christening. To continue the metaphor we might say that the child is in a wonderfully flourishing and robust condition, considering the recent set-back it experienced at the graduation of 1903, when its growth