

was stunted a little for a while. Last June the membership was sixty-three; it has already regained this number and one more in addition, showing that it has come to stay and that its friends are pleased with its behavior.

The purpose of the Society is to give the men a chance to improve their chemical knowledge by listening to experienced men on topics which have either some special commercial value, or are of general interest in the chemical world of the present. The speakers are not necessarily members of the instructing staff, but frequently talks are given by some of the men themselves in cases where they have had some practical experience along the line of their subjects. In the near future it is hoped that a new feature will be introduced and that occasional meetings will be held jointly with the Harvard Society. Arrangements are already in progress, in fact, for such a meeting, and it is anticipated that Dr. Richards of Harvard will speak.

The Society is not at all behind the others in the matter of spirit, but has plenty of push and is maturing faster even than its age would seem to permit. "Shingles" are about to be issued, which is an entirely new departure in this line, or perhaps better, a revival of an old-time documental form. The design is antique, but is adapted to the purpose in a most fitting manner.

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The Electrical Engineering Society.

The Electrical Engineering Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is, perhaps, one of the youngest *professional* societies at the Institute. Its parent, the Tech Electric Club, was formed by the Class of '89 during the Junior year, with nineteen charter members. The first meeting was held Oct. 25, 1888. Officers elected were: Mr. George E. Hall, president; Mr. F. M. Greenlow, vice-president, and Mr. H. M. Goodwin, secretary and treasurer. The Club grew as the Institute developed, and devoted its time to discussion of electrical subjects of student interest. At the beginning of the school year of 1902-3 it became necessary to reconstruct the Club. A new constitution was drawn up and the name, Electrical Engineering Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, adopted. To

the Class of '03, which carried out this reconstruction, much credit is due. A friendly relation has been established between the Society and the Boston branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The objects of the Society are to discuss electrical and allied engineering subjects; to have papers presented at its meeting by distinguished engineers working on the various problems connected with electrical engineering, and from time to time to visit generating plants and construction companies. To promote good-fellowship among the members is a pressing object always before the Society.

During the present year nearly fifty active members have been elected into the Society, making a total active membership of one hundred and five. The Society has been extremely fortunate this year in obtaining interesting speakers on most instructive subjects. At the first Smoker of the year, Mr. J. J. Stone, representing the Stone Wireless Telegraphy Company, gave an intensely interesting talk on "The Theory of Wireless Telegraphy." On the evening of Nov. 18 a talk on "Steam Turbines" was given by Mr. Charles Garrison, the New England representative of the De Laval Company. The theoretical considerations underlying the turbine principle were discussed. Two turbines were exhibited and minutely described. The meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, with the president's address on his recent trip abroad, was the most successful meeting of the year. After the address the Society most heartily enjoyed the privileges of Tech Union, obtained for us by our guest and beloved president.

ROBERT PALMER.

The Naval Architectural Society.

The Naval Architectural Society was organized by the Class of 1901, in its Junior year, for the purpose mainly of promoting a closer social relation between the members of that course.

It has regular monthly meetings, two of which are used for dinners. At these dinners the members of the Society have had the pleasure of listening to a number of men prominent in naval architectural work. At the remaining meetings, however, they have been less fortunate in this respect, but this has been in a measure made up by talks by some of