

the evening was over. Dean Burton, who spoke in his usually happy vein, was the first speaker. He urged the Class to have more informal affairs at the Union, so that the members could become better acquainted with one another. Dr. Talbot, the next speaker, gave a very interesting talk, in which he urged all to look into things, and not be afraid to find out if they were right or wrong. Mr. Powers then gave a very humorous talk, of which the moral was: "Go into things with a vim, and always stick to the right."

After the dinner was over, the Freshman Orchestra played several selections, which were very well received. R. Landers, accompanied by E. H. Packard, entertained the Class with several excellent vocal solos, and the evening came to a close with the general singing of Tech songs.

Chess Team.

The Chess Team played the Boston Chess Club on Friday last, but owing to the non-appearance of some of the members, three games were forfeited. The men were paired, and scored as follows:

TECH.		BOSTON CHESS CLUB.	
Morey,	1	Miller,	0
Newton,	1	Krauss,	1
Merwin,	0	George,	1
Forfeited,	0		3
	1		5

Next Friday the team will play the Boston Press Club at their rooms, 156 Tremont Street, and on Saturday at 2.30 Mr. W. J. Lourie will play a simultaneous match with members of the M. I. T. Chess Club and any others wishing to participate. Those wishing to play should bring men and board. It is hoped that some of the members of the Faculty will take part.

Members of the Chess Club and those intending to join later are urged to attend the rest of the games this year, for next year it is desired to form an intercollegiate schedule, and the Institute must be represented by the best possible team.

The Professional Societies.

The activity of the professional societies is more or less of an index of the interest taken by undergraduates in broadening their work and meeting each other socially. The value of these societies to a man is just what he is willing to make it. If he is interested, they afford him an excellent opportunity to meet and become well acquainted with the other men in his course. In after life he will constantly run across these men having a similar occupation, and it is not difficult to see that their acquaintance will be of value. Apart from this are the interesting addresses given from time to time. Such activity has been particularly manifested by the Mechanical Engineering Society, with five important meetings, the Civil Engineering Society with five, the Electrical Engineers with seven, and the Chemical Society with six. The architects and naval architects have not been far behind. The electrical engineers and chemists have become affiliated in some degree with national societies whose New England headquarters are in Boston and whose members include many of our graduates. To deny the importance and value of these societies is futile. The Mining Engineering Society has in the past been also an active agent, and if the recent enthusiastic meeting, with an addition to its membership of twenty-four men, and with its particularly interesting lecture, is any criterion, it proposes to be worth while in the future. At the present time it is possible for Sophomores to join most of the societies, and the advantage of doing so should be readily perceived by all who are still non-members.