

Hare and Hounds.

The second run of the season was held at Chestnut Hill last Saturday afternoon. Twenty-two men turned out and the distance covered was five miles. The start was made from the Pumping Station and the men made good time over the course. '05 carried off the honors, R. E. Bell, '05, and L. T. Buell, '05, running hares, and the leaders at the finish being: 1st, E. H. Lorenz, '05; 2d, R. H. Burke, '05; 3d, G. A. Casey, '05. Time: Hares, 40 minutes, 15 seconds. Hounds, 47 minutes, 38 seconds.

The large number of men who have been out for the two runs held so far is an evidence of the great popularity of the sport at Tech. It is difficult to imagine a better or more beneficial exercise for a man who has been studying hard all week in the city, than a Saturday afternoon spent in a run in the fresh air of the country. Fellows should not be deterred from taking part in these runs by the idea that they will be left behind, for at the beginning of the season there are always plenty of men who have not gotten into their best running trim.

Debate.

The Civil Engineering Society and the Walker Club are arranging a debate, to be held in the course of a few weeks. The debate was suggested by the Congressional Committee on Appropriations, and is on the question: "*Resolved*, That the national government should co-operate with the States and civil subdivisions thereof in the permanent improvement of public highways."

Preliminary debates will probably be held in the course of the next few days by the two societies for the purpose of selecting teams.

The lack of a debating club here at Tech has often been bemoaned and it is to be hoped that this debate may lead to the formation of such a club by those who may become interested in such work.

Tech in the West.

Tech has a high standing everywhere, but nowhere is it more highly thought of than in the West and Northwest. Those graduates who represent M. I. T. in these sections of the United States have had such success and have been so active that they compel admiration for the institution that gave them their training. It is true that a great majority of the young men in the West who take up engineering as a profession, go to their various State universities, and for excellent reasons; but there are undoubtedly many of them who secretly envy the men who are studying here, and with whom they must compete after graduation. The Institute undoubtedly has the reputation of maintaining a high standard of scholarship, or "being hard," as some would put it. But herein lies the secret of its success in the West, for if the Western people are particular about anything, they are about getting the very best men available to take charge of their affairs. It is here that the Tech man proves his worth, and a recent example is the new general manager of the Northern Pacific Railroad, a gentleman who graduated from M. I. T. in 1888.

The Kommers.

The utility of the Union as a rendezvous and as a leading factor in the cultivation of Institute activities was shown last Saturday night, when 101 men gathered at the regular Saturday night Kommers. The dinner was advertised as a Tech Show dinner and many of the men taking part in the Show were present to join in the cheering and singing. P. M. Smith, general manager of the Show, was called upon to act as chairman and he acquitted himself admirably. From the very start the fun was loud and general, '06 seeming, however, to hold the laurels for lungs. An amusing and absurd incident was the popularity of a little block of wood, which went its long journey around the room