

Government and Economics as can the college, so if the Technical man is to hold his own, he must depend largely upon himself.

The old story of too much work to do might perhaps be put forth by some as an explanation of the lack of interest in national affairs manifested by the students at Tech. We believe, however, that there is just as much deep-seated interest in such matters at the Institute as there is at many other colleges. That it is not so apparently present none can deny. With a view to stimulating interest primarily in national questions, "The Week" was introduced into the columns of THE TECH during the past year. The recently formulated debate between the Walker Club and the Civil Engineering Society is another step in this direction. In this issue we publish an essay written by a Porto Rican student at Tech, which we hope may be of interest to a large number of Tech men, as giving an insight into "the other side" of the great national question of our dealings with our newly acquired possessions.

Alumni Reunion.

The plans for a great Alumni Reunion to be held in June have been vigorously developed during the recent quarter. Early in March a general announcement was mailed to about four thousand alumni and former students. The response to this announcement has been most satisfactory and the great number of provisional acceptances indicates that the reunion will be much more successful than was at first hoped for. No less than nine hundred and forty men have accepted provisionally, and besides these several hundred guests will probably be present, so that if numbers are any indication of the enthusiasm to be shown, this reunion should be one of the greatest events in Tech's history.

The headquarters for the alumni is to be the Henry L. Peirce Building, on account of the facilities which it affords for receiving and entertaining a large number of visitors. Every one

will be expected to register, but this will not require the usual entrance examinations and filing of attendance cards; on the contrary, every one will be presented with a valuable and elegant badge identifying its possessor with the Tech reunion and with his class, and serving as his open sesame everywhere during the three days of the *fete*.

The program is to be briefly as follows:

Sunday, June 5, will afford opportunity for registration and give to those arriving from a distance plenty of time to get their bearings before the formal opening of the ceremonies. Monday afternoon Class Day exercises will be in progress and may form an object of particular interest to those of the earlier classes for whom graduation was hardly more than a name. Some of the classes will hold their dinners on this evening, but the main feature of the day will be the evening reception tendered by the Corporation and Faculty of the Institute. Tuesday morning will be occupied with inspection of the buildings and departments. In the evening at Symphony Hall will occur Tech Night at the Pop Concert. Wednesday will form the grand climax of the week. Steamers will be chartered and the entire assemblage is to visit the new State Reservation at Nantasket. As a fitting conclusion to the reunion will be the grand Tech banquet, to be held at the Somerset Hotel, where provision can be made for five hundred people. The committee has made no provision for the following days of the week, but it is hoped that many of the visitors may prolong their stay.

The General Committee is as follows: S. J. Mixter, '75, chairman; J. P. Munroe, '82, vice-chairman; A. G. Robbins, '86, secretary; E. G. Thomas, '87, treasurer. Besides these members the committee includes the chairman of the sub-committees.

The committees are now at work arranging the details for the reunion, and with the early start in preparations their completeness is assured.