

SENIOR DINNER

A miniature diploma tied with red and gray ribbons awaited each one of the hundred and fifty men who attended the Senior Dinner last Thursday evening at the Westminster. The "diploma" was none the less welcome because it was the menu card. Dinner was served shortly after eight o'clock, and was interrupted by Mr. Humphreys, who brought over the graduation notices. After dinner President Motter introduced the toastmaster, L. T. Bushnell, who kept up good humor by his new stories and fitting introductions. President Pritchett was the first speaker of the evening. He urged the men who had failed to be recommended for a degree to maintain their courage and faith. To those who were going out he recommended modesty as a valuable asset. "A man loses efficiency at the time when he begins to realize his own importance," Dr. Pritchett declared. On the merger question he would say but little. One thing that has been brought out prominently is that "Technology men may differ in opinion, but they still maintain their regard."

Dean Burton spoke of the work of the Faculty in recommending the men for degrees. "The judgment of the Faculty is not infallible," he said, "and it may be equally true that we have made as great a mistake in not recommending one man as in recommending the other fellow." The Dean closed by speaking of some of the men who have dropped out of the class in the past.

Mr. Samuel Cabot of the Corporation was next called upon. He said that he had spent four years at Tech in hard work and had never received a degree. He urged the men to be hopeful. "The optimistic does things, the pessimist never succeeds."

Professor Clifford believed that the Degree of S.B. means something accomplished. It stands for conscientious years of work, and here lies its real meaning. The ability to deal with men is just as important as the technical training which a man receives, he declared, and he paid tribute to Dr. Pritchett's efforts to make men as well as engineers.

Professors Spofford and Winslow spoke of the importance of Alumni association and its relation to the development of fellowship and democracy. Mr. Blachstein congratulated the men on their success and urged the importance of duty. William Green outlined a plan for inaugurating the custom of having triennial reunions of the class. This would bring the men to Technology every three years, and keep them in closer touch with the undergraduate bodies as well as with themselves.

After the speech making was over the men assembled outside the hotel and then marched around the Institute buildings. Class and school cheers were given for each one. The men finally gathered on Rogers steps and in a blaze of red fire cheered Rogers, Technology, and 1905.

ALUMNI RECEPTION.

That an informal reception with stunts is a complete success, and in many ways superior to the old formal arrangement, was demonstrated last Friday evening at the Alumni Reception to the graduating class. The drawing rooms in Eng. B held a large, enthusiastic body of Alumni and graduating students. Each man present was provided with a card which bore his name and class. Many alumni also were present.

The Class of 1905 with a volunteer band at its head marched into the assembly-room with flying colors. After dress parade was over the formal exercises began. Col. F. L. Locke, President of the Alumni Association, was the first speaker. He told of the change of arrangement in holding the reception, and introduced G. H. Barton, '80, as one of the members of the class which graduated twenty-five years ago. Professor Barton told of conditions at Technology during his undergraduate days. He welcomed the Class of 1905 into the Alumni body, in behalf of the Association. President Motter then responded and thanked the Alumni for their expressions of good will.

Professor A. G. Robbins presented the results of the vote on the merger question. Of 1809 graduates voting, 488 favored and 1351 opposed; of 1060 non-graduates, 376 favored and 684 opposed the plan. This makes a ratio of 3 to 1 of the graduates, and a ratio of 2 to 1 of the non-graduates opposed. A summary of 500 letters received was read to explain the attitude taken by the different voters.

Dean Burton took the place of President Pritchett, who had to be present at the commencement exercises at the New Bedford Textile School. The Dean referred to the active part taken by the Class of 1905 in undergraduate interests, and expected them to be equally active as Alumni. He spoke on the merger question and its relation to the question of student life. He pointed out the possibilities of having dormitories or student houses on the strip of land adjacent to Technology Field, and hoped that the Alumni would take this matter up as they had the Walker Memorial.

After 1905 had mounted its banner with the other classes everybody adjourned for refreshments. The rest of the evening was spent carrying out the stunts. Mr. J. F. Beal, '75, recited some of the athletic feats performed by 1905. The greatest thing the Class had done, besides winning two Field Days, was to be able to get into a certain lecture room after five minutes past the hour by means of a spiral staircase. On behalf of his class he presented a large cup for breaking the "thirty years' Physical record."

Mr. I. W. Litchfield, '85, presented a drum to 1905 in order that it might make its presence known to the world. "It is not wealth nor

power nor state, but get up and git that makes men great."

Mr. E. L. Hurd, '95, stated that his class had decided to present to 1905 "a receptacle, which, when properly and regularly pushed, is said by those who should know, to be the best preserver and strengthener of infant ideas that has ever been produced." He then presented a miniature baby carriage.

1905's star aggregate of soldier musicians, consisting of Lord, Davis, Bushnell, Jewett, Jones, Senger, Barnes and Buff, commanded by Corporal Whitney, then gave a daring exhibition of wall scaling. The rest of the evening was spent in rehearsing Tech songs for the Pop Concert.

MUSICAL CLUBS CONCERT.

The concert tendered by the combined Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs to the Senior Class was one of the most enjoyable functions of Commencement Week. Huntington Hall was crowded with an enthusiastic and receptive audience. The program was well chosen and excellently rendered.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was Given at Trinity Church, June 4, at 4 P.M., by Rev. Joseph N. Blanchard, D.D.

The following is a summary:

"My Father worketh even until now and I work." — St. John 17: 5.

Contrast the life you leave and the life before you. Two words fairly describe this — Student, Worker. Main thing in your past, study; main thing in your future, work. A break between the two lives. Modern education by practical methods tries to do away with this, but no methods can. Dependence marks one life, independence the other. How bridge over the gulf? By emphasizing *personality* — your own tendencies? Good, but danger of becoming self-absorbed, of making life mere competition with others.

The issue then a moral one, one of character; what you are, not what you do. Character rises as high as its source. The highest of all sources is God. This is God's world, your work is His work, men are His children. This alone saves from self-conceit, self-absorption. Educated men need to be sound in heart. See the alliance today of industrial interests with graft, corruption, money-making placed above the condoning of wrong — dishonesty. Jesus Christ gives true view of life. "My Father worketh even until now and I work." He teaches direct relation of God's work with our work. His conception the final one. You go out to build up not to break down — to give yourself to the world's need. You are a worker with God. The Son of Man is your brother.

SENIOR PORTFOLIO.

The *Portfolio* Committee wishes to announce that owing to unavoidable delays the book will not be ready for distribution until Tuesday, June 6. It will be impossible to supply all the men at this time, and so it is desired that those men who leave Tuesday should receive their *Portfolios* first. If those men will see members of the Committee, the latter will arrange for this distribution. It is hoped that those men who can wait until Wednesday will do so.

Mr. Day Baker, of the Sparrell Print, who is in charge of publishing the *Portfolio*, desires to announce that any man may obtain the cut of his photograph on payment of one dollar.



T. E. JEWETT, Second Marshal.

SENIOR DANCE.

The Senior Dance will be held this evening at nine in Brandon Hall, Beacon Street, Brookline. About fifty men have subscribed. There will be twenty-five dances. Dance orders are card cases.

POP CONCERT PROGRAM.

1. March, "Black Bess" *Strube*
2. Waltz, "I Love You" *Waldteufel*
3. Selection, Prince of Pilsen *Luders*
4. a. "Prexy for Aye"
- b. "On Rogers Steps"
- c. "Take Me Back to Tech"
5. College Overture *Moses*
6. a. "Retrospection"
- b. "The Best School of All"
7. Overture, "Chemical Maid"
8. a. "The Janitor's Union" *Bullard*
- b. "The Stein Song" *Tech '87*
9. Overture, "Orpheus" *Offenbach*
10. Selection, "Yankee Consul" *Robyn*
11. Waltz, "Grubenlichter" *Zeller*
12. March, "Hussar Drill" *Zach*

Sections on the floor have been assigned to the various classes, and it is expected that the men as far as possible will sit with their classes, so as to make the singing and cheering more effective.