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The announcement of Doctor Pritchett's resignation from the presidency of Technology came as a great surprise to all interested in the Institute and has called forth expressions of regret from those connected with him. In the five years that he has been our executive head, Technology has made many decisive improvements and has continued to enjoy the prosperity that marked the previous administrations, so that now we are stronger than ever before.

While we feel that the Institute has suffered a distinct loss, still President Pritchett's determination to devote himself to promoting the Carnegie Foundation is significant. Though the loss of the leading exponent in establishing a university spirit at Technology will be felt keenly, yet that spirit will remain as his memorial and will thrive as it grows older. The inspiration that comes from working under a man who has distinguished himself in many lines of work, as has Doctor Pritchett, is something, the value of which is inestimable if we are to count in the future among our alumni men of note in the scientific world.

Before his appointment to the presidency, he had been identified with many phases of public life, and among other things the efficient condition of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey at that time was due to his organization and administrative power. Dr. Pritchett enjoys the distinction of being the first chosen from the outside to fill the duties of president. As soon as he assumed the new duties, the effects of the infusion of new blood

into our life were shown by the distinct broadening and advancement of the scope of Technology's work.

No better summation of our President's work and influence can be made than was expressed by Mr. Munroe when he said:

"I have a high appreciation of the work President Pritchett has done for the students in developing among them a broader understanding of their duties as citizens, a more active social life, and a spirit of solidarity and mutual helpfulness. His influence in the promotion of sound ideals regarding athletics has been of the best, and he has done much in improving the conditions under which young men from a distance live and in advising them concerning the more important problems of undergraduate life. He has steadfastly emphasized the fact that higher education should mean breadth of interests and largeness of view, and has incited the students in many ways to secure that breadth. A clear and incisive speaker, his addresses have always been of the highest interest and influence."

President Pritchett has filled a difficult position well and the thought and study that he has given to the interest of our college is not unappreciated.

JOURNAL MEETING OF ELECTRICIANS

At one of the recent Journal Meetings of the senior class in this department, Mr. C. A. Bettington, an engineer of one of the companies operating on the Rand in South Africa, gave a talk upon a form of combustion chamber which he has invented, to be applied to boilers and to burn powdered coal.

The great advantage of such a type of boiler in the operation of large lighting plants was very clearly shown, and some account given of experiments which are at present being conducted by the New York Edison Company with this type of boiler.

Mr. Bettington is carrying on certain special studies in the Electrical Engineering Department.

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