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FUND COMMITTEE MEETS.

Sixty Alumni Discuss Plans to Raise Income Fund to \$500,000.

Sixty alumni gathered at the Trade Club last evening at a meeting of the Technology Fund Committee to discuss plans by which the Income Fund can be increased by June to a total of \$500,000. Mr. Frederick P. Fish, a member of the Corporation, was the guest.

Mr. Everett Morss, who presided, opened the meeting after the dinner by giving a short review of the Fund, and said that it was the aim of the Committee to reach the men who had not yet responded to the circulars sent out, and by the subscriptions which these men would send in, increase the Income Fund to \$500,000.

Mr. Fish said, in speaking of education in general, that there has never been a time in the past 3000 years when there was so much doubt about the best methods of education as there is at present. People have always been definite about their ideas, but at present there is a great deal of discussion as to the proper methods. The question has to be faced with much care and thought. There is no problem so great as that of building up the character of men.

In regard to the Committee's desire to furnish the Institute with money, Mr. Fish said that there was nothing sordid in money except when the man or the purpose is sordid. In an educational institution the question of money is of the utmost importance. No institution can thrive unless properly supported. It is well known that every department in the Institute needs money to get more room and new equipment. The work at present is hampered and the men crowded. The only way to better conditions is to get money. The way to get money is first for the men connected with the Institute to give, and then to turn to outsiders. There is any quantity of money ready to pour into the Institute if it is asked for at the psychological moment. Millions ought to and will come to the Institute the next twenty-five years.

The history of Technology is unique. Its reputation is deserved. It must not stand still but must become the greatest technical school in the country. The Income Fund has shown what can be done, and with continued hard work Technology will keep in the front rank.

Mr. Thomas, Secretary of the Committee, read some statistics of the Fund. The total amount subscribed to date is \$240,904.50, the average being \$37.50 per man per year. 1250 men have subscribed. Three classes, '73, '68, and '93, have totals of over \$10,000 as follows: '73, \$18,025; '68, \$15,000; '93, \$14,870. The figures show that the men who have not yet been heard from, being 85% of all Tech men, will make it easy to double the present amount.

ACCIDENT IN WALKER.

J. D. Hudgins Nearly Asphyxiated by Hydrogen Sulphide.

John C. Hudgins, an instructor in Inorganic Chemistry, was nearly suffocated shortly before noon yesterday. He went up on the roof of Walker to fix a tank of hydrogen sulphide that had started to leak, and it is believed that he did not notice how strong the fumes were. His heavy breathing was heard by a fourth year man, F. H. Willcox, a student in the Chemistry Department, who dragged him unconscious from the tank room. A doctor was called immediately and an ambulance was sent from the Massachusetts General Hospital. The doctor said that he could not say in how serious a condition the patient was, but that he believed his heart was not seriously affected.

The hydrogen sulphide that is used in the laboratories in the building is fed from a large tank that is kept on the roof. For the last few days it has been noticed that this tank was leaking, and yesterday Mr. Hudgins was sent up to investigate the cause.

Mr. Hudgins has had charge of this apparatus during the present year and was entirely familiar with it and competent to handle it. Just how the accident happened is not known yet. At first it was thought that the man's condition was serious, but the ambulance surgeon thought not. The effect of the gas is anesthetic, acting more profoundly and slowly than ether, but on a man in good condition should be no more dangerous. The after effects, however, may be serious in the extreme.

A report of Mr. Hudgins condition from the hospital late yesterday afternoon makes his condition look somewhat more hopeful.

ARCHITECTURAL THESES.

The subjects of the theses of the men in the Architectural Department, Course IV, are as follows: G. H. Buckingham, "A Governor's Residence;" A. A. Blodgett, "A Memorial;" E. S. Campbell, "An Architectural School;" J. Donovan, "A Parish Church;" J. B. Harrison, "A Country Club;" A. Hertz, "A Slaughter-House;" R. C. Jackson, "An Armory;" M. Lichtenstein, "A Country Residence;" F. Logan, "A Chapel for Technology;" C. G. Loring, "A Sanitarium;" F. C. Lutze, "A State Capitol;" Miss Manning, "A Country Residence;" G. C. Noble, "A University Library;" H. B. Thomson, "A Library;" E. A. Walter, "An Art Museum;" J. T. Wrinkle, "A Clock and Bell Tower;" E. B. Evans, "Foundation of a High Building;" W. C. Furer, "Design of a Chimney;" B. R. Honeyman, "A Reinforced Concrete Dock;" H. Lord, "Design in Reinforced Concrete Warehouse;" L. A. Parker, "A Reinforced Concrete Coal Pocket."

KOMMERS.

Guy Ham will Speak. Noughty Seven Will Do the Entertaining.

The Kommers dinner for Saturday night promises to be of unusual interest, as Mr. Guy Ham will speak and the class of 1907 will furnish other entertainment.

Mr. Ham, the United States District Attorney, is a speaker of great ability and the 1907 vaudeville artists need no introduction to the public. Among the stunts will be solos by Dyer, a singer of rare ability and sweetness of voice, recitations by Bancroft of Tech Show fame, and cornet solos by Norton, who is said to be a wonder with the instrument. Many other stunts will be produced but these are being kept secret by the management.

It is very important that those who intend to go to the dinner should get tickets in advance from the Bursar's office. Several hundred are expected and those who have no tickets will be turned away.

GEOLOGICAL JOURNAL CLUB.

An interesting report on the nature of the cataract rocks in the Madeira and Beni rivers of South America was given by A. H. A'Hearn before the Geological Journal Club, Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Shimer reported the discovery in the auriferous or blue gravel in Oregon, of prehistoric implements which seem to be positive evidence of the existence of pre-glacial or glacial man in America.

These meetings of the club for the purpose of discussing timely geological topics are proving very interesting and valuable, and many men of all courses are taking advantage of them.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

The Technology Young Men's Christian Association held its weekly meeting in Parish Hall, Trinity Church, Thursday at 1.30 P.M. Mr. H. T. Richardson, a member of the Boston bar, was the speaker. He delivered a straightforward man-to-man talk on the subject of "Service." He took as his text a quotation from Milton: "They also serve who only stand and wait." He enlarged upon the importance of the period of waiting which must precede every kind of activity and emphasized strongly the necessity of employing this time so that the results may be the best possible.

PROF. SWAIN'S READING.

The recent contribution to self-help literature entitled "School College and Character," by Prof. LeBaron R. Briggs, formerly Dean of Harvard College, and now President of Radcliffe, has been chosen by Prof. Swain as the source of his selections for the reading in 6 Lowell this afternoon at 4.15.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

4.00 P.M. Rehearsal of Tech Show Chorus at the Tech Union.

4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.

4.15 P.M. Prof. Swain's Reading in 6 Lowell.

5.00 P.M. Technique '08 Electoral Committee Meeting in 26 Rogers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

1.00 P.M. Mech. Eng. Soc. Excursion to Watertown Arsenal. Leave 20 Eng. A, at 1 P.M.

2.00 P.M. Rehearsal of Tech Show Principals at the Tech Union.

3.00 P.M. 1908 Baseball Practise at Tech Field.

6.00 P.M. Kommers. Address by Guy Ham, Asst. U. S. Dist. Attorney.

MONDAY, APRIL 2.

4.00 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Tech Union.

4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.

4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.

4.15 P.M. Tech Board Meeting in the Trophy Room, Rogers.

4.30 P.M. Officers of Geol. Dept. will meet '07 men of Course III, after 3, in 14 Pierce.

5.00 P.M. Technique '08 Electoral Committee Meeting in 26 Rogers.

8.00 P.M. Seventh of Series of Lowell Institute Lectures by Prof. Putnam, in Huntington Hall.

FACULTY NOTICE.

Class of 1907.—The officers of the Department of Geology will meet the members of the Class of 1907 in Course III, Option 3, on Monday, April 2, at 4.30 P.M., Pierce 14. The meeting is for the discussion of summer thesis work and plans for next year.

NOTICE.

Mechanical Eng. Society.—The Mechanical Engineering Society will make an excursion to Watertown Saturday to inspect the works there. The excursion will leave 20 Eng. A, at 1 P.M. sharp.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Vesper Service at Second Universalist Church, Columbus Avenue and Clarendon Street, Sunday at 4. Morning service at 10.30—"The Good News of Life." Tech men are welcome.

NEW YORK MEN TO DINE.

The Empire State Club recently organized has mailed notices of its dinner to be held at the Tech Union next Tuesday evening, April 3, at 6.30 P.M. It is important that the committee know for how many to prepare, and they ask particularly that the return cards be sent to Louis A. Friedman, '07, as soon as possible.