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GUY HAM GIVES FINE TALK.

Over One Hundred Men are Entertained at Most Successful Kommers.

Mr. Guy Ham, Assistant United States District Attorney, entertained 117 men at the Kommers Saturday evening with one of the most pleasing and instructive talks that Tech men have heard this year. Mr. Ham spoke on the workings of the different governmental departments in ferreting out offenses against the criminal law.

The Junior Class was to have had complete charge of the entertainment for the evening, and it was understood that a committee had arranged a program of "stunts." None of the committee put in an appearance, and only two of the men booked for performances kept their contracts.

K. W. Dyer, B.S., '07, gave a vocal solo, and G. R. Norton, '07, played two solos on the cornet. Both men did excellently and added greatly to the entertainment of the evening. Mr. Seaver gave a short witty talk. J. M. Frank, '07, presided.

Mr. Ham gave a brief review of the growth of criminal law, and the powers of the public attorney. He then went on to show how each of the departments of the United States Government has a special set of officers who see that the criminal law, as far as it touches that department, is not violated. The Treasury Department has the Secret Service men, whose principal duty is to prevent and stop counterfeiting. The Department of Commerce and Labor has its Immigration officers, who have a great deal to contend with.

Mr. Ham said that over 90% of the immigrants are men who have been brought here by "padrones" — men sent out by large companies to get foreigners to work in the factories. After these men get to working, a certain amount of their wages is deducted each week to pay the price of their passage across the Atlantic. The men live in a state of abject slavery until they become acquainted enough with the customs of the country and stop working for that company.

Mr. Ham illustrated the workings of the department officers by stories of actual cases, which made his talk really one of the best the Kommers has furnished.

INSTRUCTOR RECOVERS.

Professor Talbot, when interviewed about the condition of Mr. Hudgins, the instructor who was nearly asphyxiated on Thursday, said that it was expected that Mr. Hudgins would be able to attend the Institute today the same as usual. All of the effects of the gas have now passed away, and as soon as Mr. Hudgins recovers his strength he will be none the worse for his experience.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATION.

Nine Alumni Elected to Corporation at March Meeting.

A most important step, which will mean a closer interest being taken in the Institute by the alumni, was taken at the last meeting of the Corporation.

Soon after the idea of a merger with Harvard fell through, it was proposed to give the alumni representation in the Corporation. With this end in view an Amendment to the Constitution to allow of such a change was presented at the Corporation meeting of Dec. 31, 1905, and passed by a practically unanimous vote. Under the new rule the number of life members will be reduced to thirty-five, their places being taken by fifteen alumni, who will be elected for a fixed term of years. At the last regular March meeting this was done for the first time, and the following men were elected:

For five years — Charles T. Main, '76, Course II; Frederick W. Wood, '77, Course III; T. C. du Pont, '84, Course III.

For four years — Frederick K. Copeland, '76, Course I; Joseph P. Gray, '77, Course I; Frank L. Locke, '86, Course II.

For three years — Eben S. Stevens, '68; Richard H. Soule, '72, Course II; Frederick H. Nowell, '85, Course III.

Had the full number been immediately elected it would have been impossible to secure the resignation of three at the end of each year and give the remainder a term of office of only five years. At the next election three new men will be chosen for the regular term of five years, and the same procedure will be gone through at each election hereafter. Thus in March, 1908, the alumni will have fifteen representatives; the following year the men elected for the three-year term will retire, their places being filled by three others for the normal term, and one year later the four-year men will be replaced in the same manner.

The mechanism of nomination is very simple. Thirty days before each election the Alumni Association will present to the Nominating Committee of the Corporation five names, and the names thus presented will be reported to the Corporation by the Committee with a report at the March meeting. The names are voted on by ballot, the three men receiving the highest number of votes being elected to the Corporation to serve for five years. Vacancies occurring through death or resignation are filled at the March meeting of the following year. The term members hold office with all the rights, privileges, and duties pertaining to life membership in the Corporation, and are at no time eligible for re-election until at least one year after their last term of service has expired.

THE SON IN COLLEGE.

Prof. Swain Reads Dean Briggs' Views on Relations of Freshman and Family.

Any opinions expressed on the subject of "School, college, and character" by one so competent to speak as Professor Le Baron R. Briggs, formerly Dean of Harvard College, must command the respectful attention of every Tech man. The audience, which listened to Prof. Swain in 6 Lowell last Friday at 4.15 P.M., plainly showed their appreciation of this fact.

The subject of the chapter chosen from the ex-Dean's work was: "Fathers, Mothers, and Freshmen."

"College life," says Prof. Briggs, "is designed not only to cater to the intellectual side of a man's mind, but also to strengthen his moral character. The college can do little more than dissipate base aims, and invite intellectual and moral ideals; and with this end in view, every professor ought to watch over the development of his pupils. In this he is often more hindered than helped by the attitude of the parents, who do not always understand the relation existing between the college and their children. The Dean of a college knows to his sorrow what a lack of cordiality there often is in the relations between parents and sons, and a college officer is sometimes placed in difficult positions because of this mutual distrust. Some fathers send their sons to college expecting too much of them, others on the contrary look upon the four years of discipline merely as a pleasant break in their son's work, affording him a pleasant period of relaxation and amusement before his business career begins. This latter view is responsible for the alas too-well known wildoats theory, which may bring real physical peril into a young man's life, and often leads to lying and disingenuous relations between himself and his parents. Just how much money should be allowed a boy is a difficult question. 'It doesn't pay to spend \$2000 a year on a \$2 boy,' is a Western father's view on this point. "High standing in classes in college does not necessarily mean success; many a man has just scraped through, and afterwards become the glory of his Alma Mater. The kind of person a college does not want, however, is that man who, through sheer weight of mental and moral inertia, refuses to be elevated to a higher plane, who clogs the wheels of routine and industry, and gives nothing to, by taking nothing from, the society in which he hibernates."

MINN. MEN TO BE ENTERTAINED.

Dr. S. M. Crothers, 20 Oxford Street, Cambridge, will entertain the Harvard Minnesota Club this evening at 8 o'clock, at his home, and cordially invites all Minnesota men at Tech.

CALENDAR.

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, Option 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

- 4.00 P.M. Rehearsal of Tech Show Principals at the Tech Union.
- 4.00 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Boston Y. M. C. A.
- 6.30 P.M. Empire State Club Dinner at the Union.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

- 4.00 P.M. Rehearsal of Tech Show Chorus at the Tech Union.
- 4.00 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Boston Y. M. C. A.
- 5.00 P.M. Technique '08 Electoral Committee Meeting in 26 Rogers.

FACULTY NOTICE.

Shades and Shadows. — Exercises in Shades and Shadows for First-year Course IV men begin Tuesday next. Shades and Shadows notes are now ready and can be procured from Miss Whipple at the Architectural library. For Tuesday prepare as far as Problem 6 and bring to class small drawing board, T square, triangles, and H pencil.

NOTICES.

Technique. — Tickets for Technique '07 will be ready on Monday, April 2. Price \$2.00.

Freshmen. — Nominations for Vice-President of the Freshman Class must be left at the Cage at once for the 1909 Election Committee.

NAVAL ARCHITECTS MEET.

The Naval Architects held a smoker Friday evening at the Tech Union. Prof. Cathcart, formerly attached to the naval engineering corps, spoke on the Babcock-Wilcox water tube marine boilers. He discussed the theory of the water tube boiler as compared with the old cylindrical boiler and showed some interesting views of the Babcock-Wilcox in particular.

After the talk refreshments were served and a quartet from the Banjo Club rendered several selections. The meeting broke up with songs around the piano. The following officers were elected: President, R. L. Dyer, '07; Vice-President, H. S. Wonson, '07; Secretary, F. Bachmann, '07; Treasurer, A. W. Hull, '07.