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THE WAR DEPARTMENT TURNS TO TECHNOLOGY

SENDING twenty-five officers of the Corps of Engineers to Technology for additional technical instruction is a new departure in the educational system of the War Department, and one that is being followed by older Army men and the engineering profession at large with much interest. The fact that this is the first time that West Pointers have ever been sent to a civil technical school is significant in that the Institute was the school selected for the post-graduate training.

According to the present plans, these men, who have already been graduated from the United States Military Academy, will study throughout the summer and next year at Technology, following this with a special course of training at Camp Humphreys next summer. The work will conclude with two terms at the Institute, after which the Faculty has agreed to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science.

In adopting this method of completing a technical education for its officers, Army officials have followed the precedent established by the Navy several years ago when it was decided that all naval constructors who were graduated from Annapolis should complete the professional work offered by Technology's course in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, an arrangement which has proven highly satisfactory. America is thus realizing the great advantages of thorough engineering education, an education which, to quote acting President Thomson, is becoming more and more "necessary for the men who control our national affairs." And what more fitting tribute to Technology than to have Institute men directing the Army's enormous engineering projects and building vessels of the first class for our Navy.

FACULTY, ALUMNI, AND SENIOR WEEK

CORRESPONDENCE to the editors, printed in another column of this issue, brings to our consideration the question of the celebration of Senior Week. Our correspondent urges the consolidation of the last celebration of the graduating class as undergraduates with the annual Alumni reunion, a custom which is prevalent in almost all American colleges and universities, and the hearty support and co-operation of the Faculty as well as the Alumni.

The suggestion is commendable and merits the careful consideration of all who have the interest of Technology at heart. "Tech Spirit" is but a tradition, a memory of the past, something of which we speak in hushed tones for fear of being sarcastic, and why? Certainly it can be traced to the typical occurrences mentioned by the Senior first marshal—the presence of but two representatives of the Faculty at the baccalaureate sermon, and the holding of a big reunion weeks after the graduates had left their Alma Mater, simply because of weather prognostications which since have proved in error. Rebuffs of this sort discourage these new Alumni of Technology, they cause less interest to be shown by the men on the occasion of future Senior celebrations because of the lack of Alumni interest in their festivities, the men continue to regard the Faculty as standing disdainfully apart from the undergraduates even on their most joyous occasion, and their Alumni spirit is dampened because they did not meet the great body of graduates at their time of prime devotion to Technology and supreme interest in all its activities.

Let us hope that next year the graduating class will find plenty of Faculty and Alumni co-operation and that these men will be made to feel the importance of their position among the Alumni of Technology.

"EASTMAN COURT"

MR. George Eastman, who is now as famous as Technology's "Mr. Smith" as he is for his remarkable developments in the realm of photography, has had the Great Court of Technology named in his honor, as a token of the appreciation of his munificence and interest in the school. True it may seem a small return for the enormous sums which he has donated for the future success of the Institute, yet it is a measure of our esteem for the man who has made possible the realization of the dreams of another. It is indeed fitting to link Mr. Eastman's name with the buildings he provided for and which stand as the monument to the late Dr. MacLaurin, who conceived the idea of a new plant and who "discovered" Mr. Eastman.

Never having attended a university himself, Mr. Eastman has displayed a remarkable appreciation of the value of institutions for the advancement of scientific knowledge. He has not narrowed himself to any one, but has given generously to several colleges and schools, his latest gift of \$4,000,000 going towards a school of medicine, surgery, and dentistry for the University of Rochester.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of the Tech:

I have a short communication I desire you to publish in one of your Alumni Reunion Issues. The chairman of the Senior Week committee of the Class of 1920 has found conditions none too favorable for arranging a commencement week that would be the pride of every Technology man.

First the Alumni did not support us as, in my mind, they should have. I may be mistaken but the only reason I know of for postponing their reunion was due to the fact that they feared bad weather during our commencement week. As every Senior knows we had almost perfect weather. No college commencement is complete without the Alumni. For this reason, as a very young Alumnus, I would like next year to see hearty cooperation between the Alumni and the Seniors so that a real commencement can be possible.

The faculty also did not seem very close to the Seniors at commencement time. To cite a particular case, two professors came to the baccalaureate sermon, and upon special request a few came to Class Day.

Wouldn't Technology commencement be looked up to if more hearty cooperation existed between the Faculty and the Seniors? I do not wish to give the impression of being a radical, but I would like to see the Institute have a truly snappy commencement. The Seniors worked hard this year and came through well, but how much better it would have been if the Alumni and the Faculty were not only heart and soul but bodily behind commencement.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) KENNETH F. AKERS.
First Marshal Class Day, 1920.

GENERAL AND MRS. DUPONT ENTERTAIN AT TEA TODAY

General and Mrs. Du Pont will give a tea today at 5 o'clock, at the Country Club, Brookline. The Committee on the Entertainment of Visiting Ladies, which has special charge of those who are not Alumnae or related to Alumni and come from other states, is extending invitations in the registration room at Walker Memorial.

At 1:30 o'clock a luncheon will be given by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Rollins at the Chilton Club, corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Dartmouth Streets. After luncheon the guests will go by automobile through the Boston Suburbs. They will arrive at five o'clock at the Country Club, where General and Mrs. Du Pont will entertain them at tea. After this, the party will return to the Rogers Building at 6:15 o'clock.

The Committee on the Entertainment of Visiting Ladies is: Mrs. Edward Cunningham, George B. Glidden '33, Donald G. Robbins '07.

REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LATE PRES. MACLAURIN

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sity was the first to be introduced by General du Pont. In his address on "The Progress and Achievements of the Institute," he asked "What colleges had in the past leaders like our first president, Dr. Rogers, and those following him, Dr. Walker and Dr. MacLaurin? Dr. Rogers dreamed a dream, he saw in his mind the great future of Technology, Dr. Walker brought forward the ideas in a compelling manner—but it remained for Dr. MacLaurin, strong and resourceful, to create facts. Through General du Pont, he secured in 1912 the site for the new Technology. Then he found Mr. Eastman, whose great gifts, totaling \$11,000,000 made possible the opening of the buildings in 1916."

Continuing, he said, "It is safe to say that no American institution made as great a contribution to the winning of the war as did ours."

Praises Student Body

Dr. Winslow then spoke in regard to the Technology Plan, which supplies the means of cooperation between the industries and the Institute. This plan which is fast being transformed into a reality, Dr. Walker explains fully today. "In the hands of the faculty," Dr. Winslow said, "this plan will be a powerful stimulus for the solution of even deeper problems."

Referring to the endowment campaign, and also the great increase in the number of students attending the Institute, which now amounts to over 3,000, "All things show that the quality of the student body here keeps up with the quantity."

Concluding, he discussed the vital necessity of broadening the vision of the engineer from merely material things. "Human relations," he said, "are a great factor in either the success or failure of industries. The disintegration in Russia and the general chaos in Europe shows the need of constructive service. Dr. MacLaurin's

dream will be realized when Technology in the future will cope with these problems."

Built New Institute

Following Dr. Winslow, Acting President Elihu Thomson emphasized the value of Dr. MacLaurin's service as President of the Institute. In part he said, "The value of the service rendered by Dr. MacLaurin in his capacity of President can hardly be overestimated. The period covered was almost exactly eleven years. So recent too are the marks of that service that the major events are of necessity well known."

"He came to the Institute at a truly critical period of its history and brought to it wonderful scholarly gifts, clear logical views of things cosmopolitan attitude, convictions as to the scientific method and faith in the growth of the Institute as the leading school in technology, together with a broad view of the increasing importance of applied science generally."

Concluding Dr. Thomson told how "just as success was assured, President MacLaurin passed out of this life. His work for the Institute, so great for its present and future development was closed. His loving talk was done. During all the period he was with us, the period of rapid growth, bringing new burdens, his general administrative work internal to the Institute was carried on with signal ability and satisfaction. The trying period of the war brought difficulties which were surmounted. His relations with the Corporation and its committees were marked by the utmost harmony of effort and entire confidence in him at all times. The same was true as to the Faculty, students and Alumni. Always fair, judicial, his was the nature to inspire confidence in all who met him. Sanity of views and sincerity of purpose won for him deep respect and affection. He was indeed the 'builder of the new Institute that was to be.'"

Dr. Nichols said in part:—"It is rare indeed that we have to try to gather in and comprehend the life and work of a man of such versatile energy, such moral and intellectual force, that only a jury of men of special training, approaching his career from its numerous sides is competent to give a just and comprehensive appraisal."

"Dr. MacLaurin's is such a career."

Won Two Scholarships

"Having won competitive scholarships in two of the Cambridge colleges, he left New Zealand for England. From the age of 13 to the end of his graduate studies at Cambridge he earned the money for the whole of his education by winning scholarships and prizes."

"At Cambridge, he won the most coveted Smith's prize in mathematics one year, and the equally coveted Yorke prize in law the year following."

"Crowned with the laurels of Cambridge, Dr. MacLaurin returned to New Zealand to the chair of mathematics at Victoria College, Welling-

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STEAMER JACK O' LANTERN IS SCENE OF ALUMNI DANCE

Immediately after their class dinners last evening, more than 300 Alumni made their way to the Steamer Jack O' Lantern for an informal dance.

The steamer, anchored on the Charles River a short distance below Technology, was reserved especially for the Alumni. A few decorations had been added to the boat especially for the occasion. Music was furnished by the regular Jack O' Lantern orchestra.

A committee of undergraduates acted as ushers.

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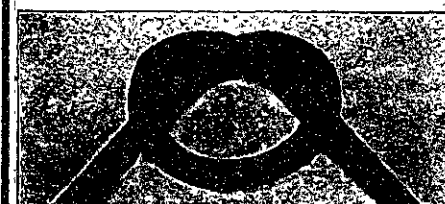
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The edition is now about eighty per cent subscribed. The book will be published about August 1, 1920.

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