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HIGH TRIBUTE TO TECHNOLOGY

THE compliments paid the Institute last night at the alumni banquet by His Excellency, the British Ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, must have kindled a glow of pride in the hearts of the graduates assembled in Walker Memorial. Coming from a man who was closely associated with Universities in England before coming to this country, his tributes to Technology carried the more weight. That the fame of the Institute is not alone confined to this side of the Atlantic was proved beyond doubt by his declarations. No alumnus could have left that hall with anything but a feeling of gladness that he was connected with such an institution.

"A world institution," it was called last night. In his opening address, General du Pont referred to his Alma Mater as not the property of Boston, nor of Massachusetts, nor even of the United States, but of the world.

Though tinged with a shade of sadness through the memory of the recent death of Dr. MacLaurin, the banquet was in many senses a very merry affair. Said Lieut.-Gov. Channing Cox, "Sorrow in the loss of your president, yet rejoice in his triumphs."

As a representative of the Commonwealth, Mr. Cox's words of praise for Technology must have been again sweet music to the ears of the Alumni. To realize that the State is taking cognizance of the work of the great technical school is indeed good.

To the committee in charge of the banquet is due great credit for the success it attained. Every detail was attended to in faultless style. Highly are the members of this committee to be congratulated on securing such a talented array of speakers.

A VINDICATION

THE open and frank publicity which the Silver Bay Conference is receiving is in marked contrast with that given the Des Moines Conference last fall. The men who are going to the convention on Lake Champlain attend with a full knowledge of the nature of the meeting, and it is with great pleasure that we see Technology men respond to the call for delegates. As the coming affair is also of a religious nature, the fact that the Institute has heartily responded will show those people who thought that we objected to the Des Moines convention because of its religious purposes, that they were wrong. It was the deception which proved the objectionable feature and certainly not the conference itself, as is proved by our support of the Silver Bay Conference with its avowed religious purposes.

Technology men who are in attendance will benefit from the program as it has been outlined, and besides enjoying an excellent vacation will have much to bring back to other undergraduates who were not able to go. The Technology Christian Association is to be heartily praised for its untiring labors in making the conference one that will be remembered by Institute men for the good it accomplished and by others for the showing of the Technology men present.

TO REMODEL

"CHARLEY" WIRTH'S

"Charley" Wirth's is closed again for the second time since the vicissitudes of the prohibition era swooped down upon it.

The Holland System which took over the place about a year and a half ago—just after the prohibition amendment was ratified—has decided that the future of the old place shall be of more elaborate nature and more in conformity to the age.

It has decided that the bar, one of the most massive, ornate and costly in the country, is a superfluity and this is to come out as a chief phase of the alteration plans. The new owners have been contemplating the new regime for the restaurant for some time, but held the plans in abeyance until the supreme court handed down its recent decision.

It accepted the voice of the supreme bench as the final word on the much-debated percentage question and the present temporary closing is the inevitable development—Traveler.

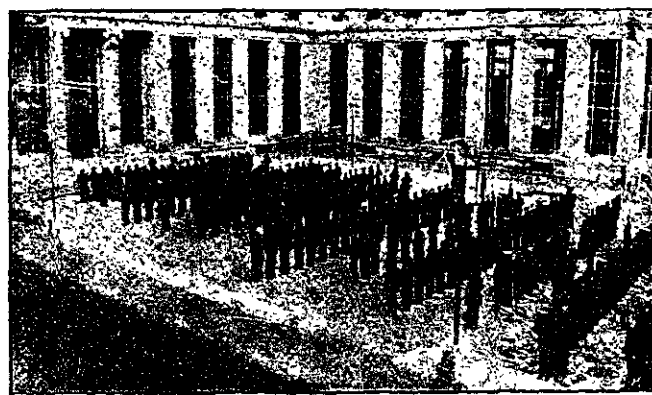
ORIGINAL TABLETS HUNG

In memory of the former students who had lost their lives in the war, the original panels, of which copies are hanging in the main lobby in the Institute, have now been put up in the hallway of the second floor of Walker Memorial. The three center windows were closed and the six tablets, three single and three double panels, containing the names of 127 dead heroes were set up.

The panels are decorated with festoons of laurel and with wreaths. Below they are surrounded by boxwood trees and palms. Above each tablet hang two small American flags. The panels are illuminated by four lamp standards, which are placed on either side. Three new names have been inscribed since those in the main lobby were put up. Professor Gardner of the Architectural Department is doing the work with the aid of few assistants. These panels will stand forever as a memorial to the Technology men who have given their lives for their country in the World War.

HEREAFTER IT'S EASTMAN COURT

General du Pont has announced that the main court is to be known hereafter as Eastman Court. By his generous gifts to the Institute, Mr. Eastman has proved himself a true friend of Technology. At the occasion of the Alumni Reunion, therefore, it is most appropriate that this announcement should be made.



MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED REGISTERED

Several Hundred Local Alumni Attend Their Class Dinners and Other Functions Without Registering

NEW SYSTEM WORKS WELL

The total number of Alumni registered in the gymnasium up to 8 o'clock last night was over 700. The registration period closed last night instead of this morning as was first planned. Professor Swett '03, who is in charge of the registration, says that over 200 men, who have attended the meetings and their class dinners, failed to register. The greatest difficulty encountered was in getting local Alumni to register. Over 200 men registered today and there were altogether about half as many guests as Alumni.

'14 and '17 are Tied

Classes '14 and '17 vied with each other in an effort to get as many graduates registered as possible and as a result they are both tied for first place, each having 37 Alumni present. Course II leads in having 170 graduates registered and Course XII is in the tail end with only four men.

The system of registering at this reunion worked marvelously. There was never at any one time more than two men waiting to be registered and five times as many more men could be handled at any one time. At the last Reunion a line stretched all the way around Copley Plaza and way out on Boylston street. By the means of a system of triple filing, by name, by course and by class, any queries regarding the registration could be answered very quickly. The files were never more than five minutes late. Another good feature was the typewriting of the files and there was very little waiting. At the last reunion the files were lettered and the registrants had to wait a long time. At the first Reunion the Alumni registered by writing their names in a book and the files were ready three days after the Reunion.

This year tickets for all the occasions have been mailed upon an application accompanied by an addressed envelope and about 80 percent of the men obtained their tickets in this manner. At previous Reunions the Alumni had to register before they could get any tickets. This may account for the fact that so many failed to register.

E. J. Richards '01, who journeyed all the way from Mexico City, is gone one better by John Shadwich '07, a graduate of course III, who comes from Chile.

AMBASSADOR GEDDES ADDRESSES ALUMNI

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new Technology as a representative of Great Britain.

Announces Changes in Organization
Dr. Henry P. Talbot '85, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Institute, next addressed the assemblage. He began by giving a personal appreciation of the late Dr. MacLaurin, speaking from his point of view as a member of the Faculty. He mentioned the "humane sympathy," the fairness, honesty and consideration, which the late president showed in all his dealings with his subordinates.

He then proceeded to review the work of the administrative committee since its organization, and announced several important accomplishments of that committee, three being outstanding. First, after sketching the history of the Mining Engineering under Professors Richards and Hofman he announced that this department was left without a head by the retirement of Professor Hofman. It had been the plan of the late Dr. MacLaurin to unite the Departments of Geology and Mining Engineering since their work is so

closely allied. This was successfully put into operation by the administrative committee so that at the present time the two courses are combined under the leadership of Professor W. Lindgren.

Chem. Engineering Separate Course

The second change was the merging of Drawing with the Department of Architecture. The pressure of Dean Burton's duties as Dean of the Institute made it impossible for him to continue as head of the work. Consequently the course will be a subdivision of the Architectural Department with Professor W. H. Lawrence as head.

The third change is in the nature of a subdivision of a course rather than a combination of two courses. The increasing demand for men who could be placed before the world as chemical engineers has made necessary the establishment of a separate department of Chemical Engineering with professors of chemical engineering rather than of chemistry. Such a department has been formed with Professor W. K. Lewis at its head.

Dr. Talbot concluded his address by predicting that at the next Technology Reunion the Alumni would return to find more new buildings and probably new dormitories, if the work continued to be guided by the "Spirit of du Pont, of Eastman, and of our late President, Dr. MacLaurin."

Explains Educational System

Doctor A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University, spoke of his interest in the Institute, for he has been a member of Corporation for many years. He spoke of the great development of Technology, and suggested that if a curve could be plotted of increase in enrollment against time, it would not be very many years before that curve would show that every man, woman and child was enrolled in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Lowell then explained the difference between the American and the European methods of education. He said that in Europe the system was competitive—the university set a pace and the students were required to keep to the mark. In the American system, there was more individual instruction, the object being to help every man to get the most out of the work, not to eliminate those to whom the art of studying and quick learning was not a natural gift. He said that "although all men are born free and equal, they do not remain so;" much labor is spent on each man. Problems of the future involve great responsibility and the tendency of the present day is toward a more technical education.

General du Pont then introduced his successor as president of the Alumni Association, Leonard K. Melcalf '92, who delivered the closing address of the evening.



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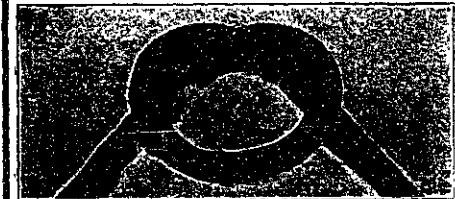


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