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MECHANICAL COURSE HAS LARGEST NUMBER

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by the Alumni of the Course, were in order at many of the luncheons, while reminiscence of undergraduate days refused to be crowded out of place by more serious topics.

Research Emphasized

Professor J. F. Norris was in charge of the Course V-Course X luncheon. Professor Talbot was the first speaker. He outlined recent changes in the personnel of the Chemical Department, and traced the development of Course V. A like history of Course X was given by Professor W. K. Lewis '05. Professors Walker and Lewis, recent and present heads of Course X-A, told the Alumni of the efforts being made by the School of Chemical Engineering Practice to bring outside methods before the students. The advice of the Alumni was that the most powerful element in teaching chemistry is research.

The luncheon of the Physical Courses, VIII and XIV, was attended by 15 men. The discussion was led by Professor Wilson, Head of the Physics Department, and Professor Goodwin '90, in charge of the luncheon. Course III, Mining Engineering and Metallurgy, was addressed by Professor R. H. Richards '68, who contrasted the equipment possessed by the mining department now that it possessed 20 and 30 years ago, and gave his ideas of an ideal course in mining.

Course VII Has Speeches

Professor C. E. A. Winslow '98, of Yale University, H. M. Campbell '14, of the U. S. Public Health Service, Chicago, and Miss A. E. Gallup '01, of the Brooklyn Children's Museum, were the speakers at the Course VII, Biology and Public Health, luncheon, which had an attendance of 26. Sixty-five men attended the Course VI, Electrical Engineering, luncheon, which was featured by a discussion of the Department's work, led by Professor D. C. Jackson.

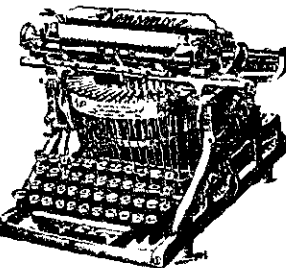
T. E. N.

A co-operative subscription campaign has been started by THE TECH and The T. E. N. Representatives of each paper have attempted to introduce the Tech Engineering News to every Alumni. Tables have been placed about Walker Memorial at strategic points, and every Alumnus will have ample opportunity to subscribe, if he has not done so already.

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GRADUATES MOVE FOR DIRECTOR

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lines have now been so crystalized that they have been made into the form of a contract between Technology and many concerns.

"The result is that over 200 companies in all parts of the country have entered into agreements which have a total value of over \$1,200,000, which sum is directly applicable to the Endowment Fund. The Institute, on the other hand agrees to throw open its extensive technical libraries for the use of the industries, and to place before them each year trained men. Furthermore, research work will be carried on at the Institute, for the solution of technical problems.

"The contracting parties represent three classes," Dr. Walker continued. "The first asks for research along certain lines, and desires trained men to be furnished each year to the country at large; the second class has problems for the Institute to take up for solution; while the third made the contracts because of the realization that the advantages of the Technology Plan were many. In consequence the Electrical Engineering Course VI A has been set up in conjunction with the Gen. Electric Co. at Lynn. Through the aid of George Eastman, the School of Chemical Engineering Practice has been established and extended by the Technology Plan. Education alone should be the sole object of the men in these courses. They must learn how factories can be well organized.

"The library service will be extended for the use of the industries. For their benefit there will be made a list of Alumni classified by position and experience.

"The research work will be carried out in two ways, either by consultation between the industry and members of the instructing staff, or through the actual solution of the problem in the laboratory. As yet, however, the facilities for this work are not adequate, partly due to the lack of enough instructors who are able to carry out such research work."

In conclusion, Dr. Walker said he would be glad to answer any questions upon the subject.

Mr. A. T. Hopkins '97, of the Technology Club of New York, then took the floor. He stated that in signing these contracts with the industries a gold mine had been found, which the Alumni had helped to develop. "However," he went on, "the problem is to continue the Technology Plan after these next four years, at the end of which time the contracts expire.

"Through an employment bureau, it will be possible to divert properly

the graduates into the fields for which they are best fitted along these lines." Mr. Hopkins objected to any such idea as taking a man out from one industry and relocating him. He pointed out that in 1914, 60 per cent. of the former graduates were engaged in industrial pursuits, and asked the question as to what the Institute is doing to prepare men for the industries, besides training them for engineers.

In closing, he said, "Technology men are good engineers, but unless they have some interests on the human side, as through the Glee Club or other activities, they do not acquire the right perspective which men of less ability often have. They must broaden and develop on these lines. Industry, teacher and student must be brought together."

J. H. Holton '17, then brought forward the question of the relationship between the professors and the Plan, saying that a successful Plan is not possible unless the status of the instructing staff towards it is known. This referred to the practice of the professors to do outside work for different concerns to help solve their problems.

Dr. Walker replied, stating that the relation is a simple one, and that care will be taken not to make contracts with industries already represented at Technology. He also said, "when an industry takes a man from the instructing staff into its plant, the Institute should feel complimented regardless of the loss apparently sustained. \$15,000 a year is devoted to research in pure science, and \$3,000 more will be available. The Technology Plan stimulates and does not stifle pure research."

After short discussions from the floor by various Alumni, Leonard Metcalf '92 spoke to the graduates on "The Future of the Alumni Association," in place of Merton L. Emerson '04, Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, who was unable to be present.

He declared, in part:—"A strong Alumni Association has been developed throughout the country, due in great measure to 'Ike' Litchfield. The problem remains of keeping the Alumni in touch with the Institute. When questioned, their chief regret is based on the lack of companionship, mutual interests, and spirit among the students. The time has come to deal with this problem."

Proceeding to the idea of having an Alumni Director, Mr. Metcalf declared that \$12,000 per year was a necessary remuneration for a man who could take complete charge of the Alumni Association, not so much for work in organization, but for the welfare in general of all the Alumni. "An earnest man is necessary," he said, "one of adaptability and versatility, the securing of whom is a hard problem."

Mr. Hopkins spoke again, telling how the idea of having an Alumni Director originated at the Philadelphia meeting of the Technology Clubs.

Representatives of the Alumni from Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Washington and Detroit then voiced their approval of the scheme, while favor was also expressed in messages from New York and Philadelphia members.

Mr. Metcalf then offered the following resolution, which was seconded and unanimously carried after brief debating: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting, that the Council of the Alumni Association should consider the appointment of an Alumni Director to act under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, to cooperate with the Corporation, the Faculty, and the Alumni Council in furthering the interests of Technology."

The meeting adjourned to the Course Luncheons following the short addresses by the representatives of student activities, F. B. Kittredge '21, R. F. Officer '21, R. A. St. Law-

rent '21, and W. R. McKenney '20. These men explained in a few words to the Alumni the salient facts regarding the student tax, the T. C. A., athletics, all the publications and the dormitory problem.

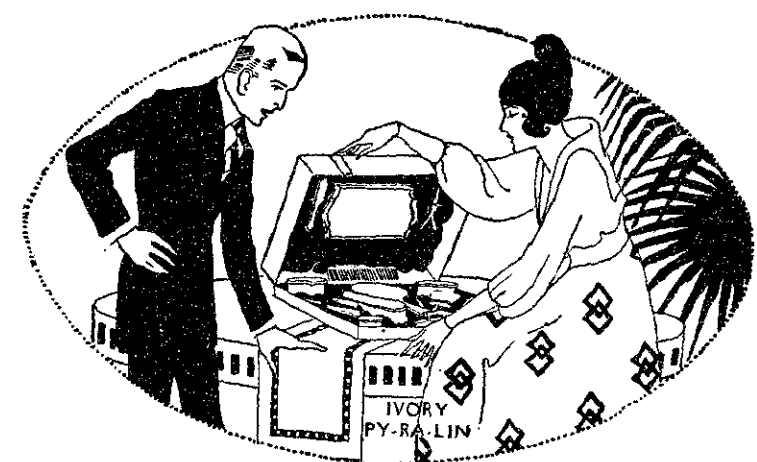
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