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## ALUMNI PREPARING FOR A SUPREME EFFORT

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Campaign for great Alumni Fund to be begun very soon—A world-wide Organization

As announced by President Maclaurin at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association in January, a committee of six has been appointed by the Alumni Council, to take charge of the raising of an Alumni Fund to be used in building the New Technology.

The members of the committee are as follows: Everett Morss, '85, chairman; James W. Rollins, '78, Edwin S. Webster, '88, Arthur T. Bradlee, '88, Frederic H. Fay, '93, I. W. Litchfield, '85, secretary.

This committee has been assiduously at work since its appointment, and is making plans for the campaign and drafting an organization covering the entire country. The Alumni Fund Committee will consist of the central committee named above, the chairmen of class committees, and the chairmen of geographic committees. These chairmen have been carefully chosen with a view to their efficiency, and with the exception of a very few localities, the entire organization is complete.

A plan of procedure has been definitely laid out, and an appeal will be sent out by the central committee in a very short time. It is the intention to apply the

scientific method to this enterprise, and as it is well understood by former students of the Institute that the fund is to be raised, and as its purpose is known and appreciated, it seems likely that the pledges will be filled and returned within a few days of their receipt. No man should have great difficulty in determining how much he will give. The amount needed for buildings alone is \$3,000,000, and a large part of this must come from the former students of the Institute. Just how much the fund will total remains with the donors themselves.

Alumni of other colleges have either recently completed funds, or are now engaged in collecting them. The alumni of Brown have pledges for \$750,000, and expect to make it an even \$1,000,000 before the first of June. The alumni of Technology have their record to make, and as this enterprise is one in which every Tech man is interested, it is also one in which every Tech man should be represented. No call will be made for payment on pledges before the first of October, 1912.

One very important argument in favor of speedily completing this fund, is the fact that the Institute must know how

much money it can count on before it can go very deep into building operations. The response of the alumni will be very largely indicative of the attitude of the general public, and its influence on gifts from persons outside of the Institute will be very great.

The very location of the new group of buildings places an obligation on us that we cannot shake if we would, and the amount of money raised will absolutely determine whether or not our whole duty has been performed. The plans contemplated for developing the tract cannot fail to produce satisfactory results. Doctor Maclaurin's views as to the character of the buildings are well known, and heartily approved. At the Alumni Banquet in January, he said:

"The proper solution of this great problem needs money and brains; it is a large problem involving many subsidiary questions before the whole can be successfully carried to a conclusion. There is what may be called the *engineering* question, what is the proper relation of the different buildings to one another to give the maximum of convenience at the minimum of cost; what is the right size and the right disposition of rooms within each building, and what is the arrangement that best permits of expansion to meet the needs of the future,—needs that at best can only be guessed at? Then there is the *social* question, one of the most important and one that has been answered less satisfactorily in the past than any of the other great questions with which Technology has been confronted. Some provision must be made to facilitate a healthy social activity amongst the students, and no one familiar with the influence of the fraternities in our midst can doubt for a moment that such social activity will make for good amongst us. We must have student houses and we must also have as the common center a Walker Memorial in every way worthy of that great humanist. Last, but by no means least, there is the *architectural* question. If we do not rise to the level of this great

question we will commit a crime against Technology students for generations to come and a crime against the whole community in which they live and move. Ours is a unique opportunity and unique responsibility. We are building, if not for all time, at least for a time that must seem long in the life of any individual. The Institute itself will never die, and for many a generation it must carry in its outward form the impress that we put upon it now. What is that impress to be? Will it adequately express the ideals of the Institute, the nobility of its purpose and the dignity of its work? Will those ideals be presented as impressively and as beautifully as by the towers and spires and other architectural features characteristic of the great churches of the Middle Ages? If they do not, it will be a permanent slur on our intelligence and on our taste, for the ideal of education for which the Institute stands is as noble an ideal as any that can be expressed by form, and it is pre-eminently *the* ideal of the thoughtful section of the American people today."

Plans for the future are being prosecuted as vigorously as is possible at the present time. It is evident, however, from what the President has said, that the matter will be considered with the deliberation devolving upon an institution that is planning for two generations to come. It would not be at all difficult to estimate the amount of space needed, and to lay out a handsome group of typical college buildings. The committee proposes to go much deeper than this, and to produce edifices as fully adapted to the business of educating students and pursuing research work as the best modern factories are adapted to the production of manufactured material.

As President Maclaurin has pointed out, this investigation will require considerable time, but four months will be better than two, and eight months better than four. It seems reasonable to believe, however, that the architects will be in possession of the general scheme before the year has passed by.

## ANNUAL BANQUET OF NORTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

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Old-time celebration in Chicago with President Maclaurin as guest—Strong appeal for large Alumni Fund

Although the banquet of the Northwestern Association was held several weeks ago, there are still echoes of lusty Technology cheers reverberating in the corners of the University Club. There is something about the Technology cheer that will not brook even the physical laws of interference or resistance, and there was certainly enough fervor expended in this direction when the President arose to address the Northwestern Association to insure that a small remaining echo at least, should mingle with the fresh shouts of the next anniversary. Arrangements for the banquet were as complete in every small detail as these affairs always are, special emphasis being laid on the "Symphony Chorus" whose vociferous vocalizations interfered with the signals of the locomotives of the Illinois Central Railroad, and changed the permanent set on the facial expression of the gargoyles that looked down from above.

It was a real college dinner bubbling over with good feeling and enthusiasm, and underlying it all, was a strong feeling of gratitude to President Maclaurin, through whose instrumentality the new era of prosperity has been brought about. The President's address was a serious and thoughtful one and it was followed with eager interest by his auditors, many of whom were not aware of the fact that the Institute had received during the year of 1911, the equivalent of a larger sum than had come to any other educational institution in the country. The President made the particular point that Technology is a national institution; about one half of its students come from beyond the confines of the state of Massachusetts, and Massachusetts students leaving the Institute locate in widely separated points all over the country. This fact should not be lost sight of by

its beneficiaries, the manufacturing and great commercial interests, who have been largely benefited by the pioneer work of the Institute reflected in the various technical schools patterned after it, and by the work of Institute graduates themselves. Doctor Maclaurin told his audience of the wonderful opportunities offered by the magnificent site on the Charles River Esplanade, a location dominating every other in the city of Boston, and probably not excelled anywhere in the country. The development of this property and the designing of the buildings should be in keeping with the spirit of the Institute and the dignified position it holds, and in order to carry out the work properly a very large sum of money will be needed. He said that Coleman du Pont's gift of half a million made this whole enterprise possible and the successful work of the Committee on State Aid which secured from the state an appropriation of \$100,000 a year for ten years to be used for running expenses, relieved the alumni of the burden of paying last year's coal bills, and left them free to devote their entire energy to the raising of a new alumni fund for building purposes which in amount and character would make a new record among college alumni bodies. He had abundant faith that with the alumni thoroughly enlisted in the work there would be ample resources for every need.

The President was greeted with frequent bursts of applause and the temper of his audience indicated that the news he brought to them was indeed welcome, and that the Central West would not be found at the rear when the final figures of the Alumni Fund were turned in. The quartet then began to perk up and the congregation joined in singing a verse to

the tune of "Billy" which sounded like this:—

For when we talk we like to talk of Richard—  
 For we are very proud of him—  
 And where there's news we like to hear from  
 Richard—  
 He always tells us something new—  
 And when we dine we like to dine with Richard—  
 For Richard is the head of Tech—  
 But when we drink—But when we drink—  
 We always drink to Dick!

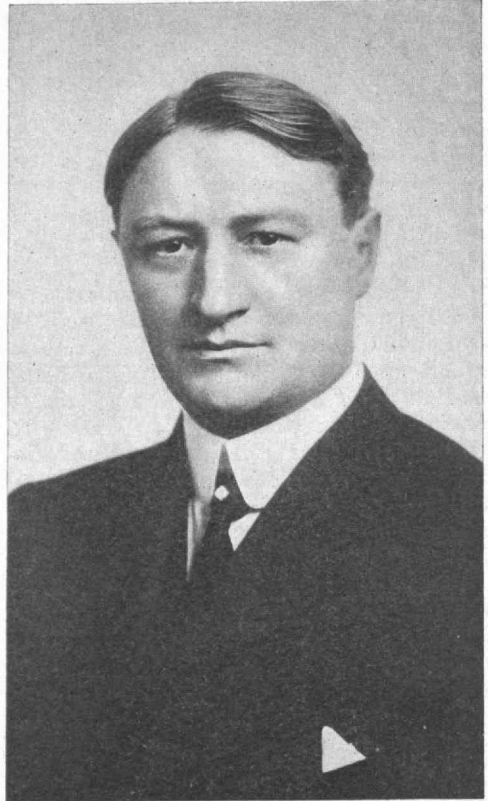
President R. E. Schmidt, '87, who arose to introduce the next speaker was interrupted by the following warble by the audience to the tune of "Oh You Beautiful Doll."

Oh you Richard E. Schmidt—  
 You great big Schmidt-ity-Schmidt—  
 Let us drink a bumper to you,  
 We could never do without you.  
 Oh you beautiful Doll  
 You great big beautiful Doll  
 If you ever quit—or should give us the mit—  
 We'd have a fit—there's not a doubt of it—  
 Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh Richard E. Schmidt.

After recovering his poise, Schmidt made the announcement that five of the members had been asked to tell the association what they would do if they were President of the Institute.

F. W. Clark, '80, the first speaker, compared the Institute, its resources and teaching staff, to an issue of bonds; its graduates to preferred stock and the students to common stock. If he were President, he said, he would try to capitalize the technical value of these securities by offering the services of the Institute and its trained body of officers to all communities in the United States, desiring to establish technical schools; to take actual charge of the instruction in these various schools, not only sending competent instructors, but arranging the studies so that the courses would be identical with those given at the central institution in Boston; the Institute would not assume any financial obligation, the expenses to be entirely borne by the various schools. The young men attending these various schools would not be on the same level, but if they had an opportunity to adjust themselves in

two or three years in these branch institutions, they could finish out their education, and take their degree at the main institution in Boston. This plan would be financially much easier for the students many of whom could live at home during the first two or three years of their student life. A movement of this kind would find an ever-increasing amount of public-



Richard E. Schmidt, '87, President of the Northwestern Association

spirited citizens who would contribute to the endowment of these various schools and amply support the Institute itself. When this should come about through his presidency, he would change the name to the National or International Institute of Technology.

Sam Marks, '07, who was the next speaker, told how proud he was to be considered President of the Institute of

Technology even for a moment. The Institute was one of the few things in this world which stood absolutely first in every particular, even George Washington had to play second fiddle sometimes. He felt, as President, that it would be his conscientious duty to impress upon the students the desirability of taking advantage of their religious privileges and would made attendance at "chapel" compulsory.

Ned Hagar, '93, declared that if he were President he wouldn't make so much fuss about raising three million dollars in two or three years. He outlined a very plausible scheme for raising six million in one year and no one present had a doubt that he could do it. If he were President he would cut out examinations because they are "so hard on the boys." He thought that "chapel" was too far away and in the new location should be more accessible. Incidentally he mentioned the fact that the cement he has offered for the new Technology has been all barrelled up and has been waiting call for some time. If it was anything else but Universal cement it would undoubtedly spoil before it would be needed for the new buildings.

Lonsdale Green, '87, had felt, before the selection of President Maclaurin, that the Corporation might ask him to assume the executive charge and had long ago prepared a definite policy for the Institute. He said that his observation was that on leaving the Institute men were prone to place great emphasis on the hardships necessary to secure a degree and as they seem to derive a great deal of satisfaction from this feature his plan was to emphasize the discipline with a capital D and lay out the course like a term at Joliet Penitentiary, so that when the students were finally discharged they would know that they had really been through something. He explained that the equivalent of his title at the head of this Institution would be warden. In this capacity he would establish a post-graduate course, and the secretary of the association who insisted on his making this speech would

be encouraged to join the first class in the institution.

Theodore W. Robinson, '84, gave some of his serious observations as a manufacturer and employer of technical graduates. His remarks were straight to the point and were heartily applauded by the audience. His plea was for the broadening of technical education, so that the student would get some idea of the fundamental problems of the executive. The conditions today are such that a comparatively plentiful supply of engineering talent can be drawn on for special work; these enterprises are more concerned in securing executive rather than scientific ability. He emphasized



Meyer J. Sturm, '96, Secretary

the need of scientific executives for the ever-growing opportunities open to students having scientific education and the proper business training. Another matter on which Mr. Robinson placed much importance was the great advantage of increasing the strength and activities of the central alumni organization by placing the business of the association in charge of some practical man well known to the alumni and having proper qualifications who should give much of his time to the upbuilding of the subsidiary units, the local alumni associations. He believed that there should be a closer relationship existing between the main alumni body and the various units and that until the entire matter was placed in the hands of some one competent to be the general manager of the alumni association, the latter would not accomplish its full degree of usefulness.

The last speaker of the evening was I. W. Litchfield, '85, a former resident of Chicago, who referred to the influence that the spirit of the Northwestern Alumni had exerted on the entire association. He told of the wonderful things



that had been accomplished by President Maclaurin during the short time he has been at the helm and of the feeling of confidence and security the friends of the Institute have in its future policy. The most important matter now to be considered is the great Alumni Fund which is to be raised for the purpose of building the new Institute. The alumni will not be called upon for the entire amount to be sure, but the degree of substantial interest taken by friends of the Institute will be somewhat in proportion to the size and character of the Alumni Fund. When the Income Fund was raised conditions in Chicago were such that the matter was not fully understood and the men of the Central West were not largely represented on the list of donors. The Alumni Fund soon to be raised is an enterprise in which every man should take a part and no sum will be too modest to show the loyalty of the giver to the Institute. He thought that the money would be raised quickly and the total sum would be a surprise even to the alumni themselves.

Before the speakers were introduced, Mr. Frederick K. Copeland, '76, announced the death of Mr. Frederick Greeley, '76, a prominent alumnus, who has long been identified with the Northwestern Association. Appropriate resolutions were read and adopted.

### The President in Syracuse

President Maclaurin arrived in Syracuse late in the afternoon of February 3 and a committee of the M. I. T. Club of Central New York headed by J. P. Barnes, '05, escorted him to Syracuse University where he made a call upon Chancellor Day. The banquet was held at The Onondaga and it is needless to say that interest centered in what Doctor Maclaurin said about the new site and the bright prospects for the future. He prefaced his remarks by saying he believed that the athletic side of college life had become too much of a business in many colleges. He felt that the Institute is particularly fortunate in the

tradition that has grown there; that it is a place for men to work and not for boys to play. He said that he believed that athletics had a very definite place in that they go to the building up of the man just as his social life prevents him from becoming too self-centered to be effective. He believed that the Institute was in an ideal position as athletics are a part of the life of the student body at large.

The President reviewed the history of the past year showing how, step by step, the problems in the way of the physical growth of Technology had been removed by General du Pont's gift, by the appropriation from the state of Massachusetts which will pay the running expenses of the Institution for ten years to come, and by the securing of the new site on the Charles River Basin in the heart of greater Boston. In speaking of the character of college buildings he said that 90 per cent. of them in this country were built without particular reference to the use to which they were to be put. In his recent tour of the alumni associations he noticed that more attention was paid to the arrangement of factories than to the construction of college buildings.

### Lunch Meeting at Cleveland

About twenty Technology men in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, gave an informal lunch to Mr. I. W. Litchfield of the TECHNOLOGY REVIEW while he was in that city on January 31. The meeting was held in a private room of the beautiful new Athletic Club which has recently been completed. The keenest interest was manifested in the recent developments at the Institute and especially in the fund which is to be raised for building the new Technology.

Most of the Tech men in Cleveland attended the meeting of the Technology Club of Northern Ohio at Akron, January 24, and were enthusiastic in their commendation of the hospitality of the Akronites.

## BIRMINGHAM GIVES PRESIDENT FREEDOM OF TOWN

New Association extends royal welcome—Prominent citizens join in hospitality to Technology head

The visit of President Maclaurin to Birmingham on February 24 was made memorable by an enthusiastic meeting in which Tech men, the industrial leaders of the district, and other representative citizens took part. An informal dinner had been previously arranged and when it was learned that it would be possible to have the President as the guest of honor, it was decided to invite a number of guests in order to give the Birmingham industries and the Institute of Technology an opportunity to become better acquainted.

Doctor Maclaurin arrived on Saturday afternoon, and was met at the station by the committee, consisting of H. G. Woodward, '88, E. C. Wells, '92, and M. R. Scharff, '09. A brief automobile trip through the beautiful residential portions of the city was taken. At 7.30 thirty-one persons sat down to an excellent dinner at the Birmingham Turn Verein. It was notable that nineteen out of the twenty-two Tech men of the Birmingham District were present, the absence of the other three being due to illness or absence from the city.

E. C. Wells, '92, superintendent and chief engineer of the Hardie-Tynes Mfg. Co. presided, and introduced the speakers with grace and dignity. Morris Knowles, '91, spoke first on "The Service of Technical Men in the Regulation of Public Utilities," and gave an instructive and suggestive talk which was especially well received by those present for its valuable suggestions applicable to the serious public service problems with which Birmingham is now struggling.

The toastmaster then introduced Mr. T. H. Aldrich, a pioneer coal and ore mine operator of the District, a conchologist of wide reputation, and an expert on the geology of Alabama, second to none. Mr. Aldrich spoke most enter-

tainingly on "Coal and Ore in Alabama," picturing the extent of the deposits, outlining the growth of the great industries dependent on them, and relating some amusing personal experiences of the early days of coal mining.

Mr. George Gordon Crawford, president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., was the next speaker, and his subject was "Iron and Steel in Alabama." Addressing his remarks largely to Doctor Maclaurin, Mr. Crawford gave an illuminating exposition of the great industry which his company has taken so large a part in developing, pointed out the lines along which economies were being constantly sought, and expressed the cordial hope that Doctor Maclaurin's visit may result in the coming of more Tech men into a section which offers so many attractive technical problems as this.

Finally Doctor Maclaurin was called on, and he sketched the great growth of the Institute, its present prosperity and international reputation, and the splendid plans under way for its future development. To the Tech men who have been living so far removed from Boston, with infrequent news of the Institute, it was an absorbing story. To the guests, it gave a new appreciation of the greatness of Technology that cannot but have lasting results.

Among the other guests were Frank H. Crockard, vice-president and general manager of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., James Bowron, of the Southern Iron & Steel Co., M. C. Sloan, assistant to the president, Birmingham Railway Light & Power Co., E. L. Brown, of Brown Bros. & Co., Robert Jemison, president of the Jemison Real Estate & Insurance Co., W. P. G. Harding, president of the First National Bank; and Mr. Ryan of the *Birmingham Age-*

*Herald*. Regrets were received from Doctor Denny, president of the University of Alabama, and from Mr. C. T. Fairbairn, general manager of the Republic Iron & Steel Co.

The Tech men present were E. A. Nash, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Morris Knowles, Pittsburgh; B. F. Wilson, Jr., W. H. Beers, Jr., W. E. Hadley, A. W. Allen, A. F. Mohan, E. A. Redman, E. P. Quigley, J. R. O'Hara, F. O. Adams, M. R. Scharff, G. T. Gambrill, H. G. Woodward, E. C. Wells, P. Smith, J. H. White, W. H. Johnston, H. Tutwiler, and N. C. Walpole.

On Sunday, February 25, a special train and private car were put at the disposal of the party provided to show President Maclaurin over the District, through the kindness of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. The party included Doctor Maclaurin, Frank H. Crockard, A. H. Woodward, '90, vice-president and general manager of the Woodward Iron Co., Morris Bush, chief engineer of the Woodward Iron Co., Robert Jemison, E. C. Wells, '92, and M. R. Scharff, '09. The train was taken over the tracks of the Birmingham Southern Railroad, and the Woodward Iron Co. Railroad, and stops were made at Edgewater, the newest coal mine of the Tennessee Company and the best equipped in the District; at the Woodward ore mines; at Corey, the model city, where the Tennessee Company's new \$3,000,000 coke by-product plant is located, and at the Tennessee Company's furnaces and steel mill at Ensley. This all-day trip gave Doctor Maclaurin an excellent birds-eye view of the great technical industries of the Birmingham district, and impressed him with the magnitude of their development as nothing else could have done.

On returning to Birmingham, Doctor Maclaurin was taken for an automobile trip through the suburbs of the city, and left that evening for Boston. He left in Birmingham a renewed enthusiasm among the alumni, and a newly aroused interest in Tech on the part of some of Birmingham's leading citizens. It is the

general opinion of the Tech men of the district that nothing could have been more timely or more helpful to the cause of the Institute in the South than the President's visit to Birmingham.

The original intention of this meeting was to adopt a constitution and elect officers for the recently formed South-eastern Alumni Association, but it was considered inappropriate to intrude business on so unusually auspicious an occasion, and another informal dinner for this purpose has been arranged, to take place March 30.

MAURICE R. SCHARFF, '09.

### A New Tech Button

One of the most enthusiastic of the entire instructing staff is Major Edwin T. Cole, the new head of the department of military science. Major Cole has the real Technology spirit although he was graduated from West Point, and during his short time at the Institute he has made hosts of friends among the students and instructing staff. Among the schemes he has proposed for promoting closer social relations among the students, is that of wearing a Tech button and steps have been taken to secure a supply of these buttons. They will not be of the ordinary metal kind, but will be made of cardinal and gray ribbon specially manufactured in France. It will be like that of the Loyal Legion, inconspicuous but serving to identify Tech men whenever the buttons are worn. The West Point button of yellow and black is generally worn by West Pointers when not in uniform. It is believed that a button of this kind will become popular among the alumni as well as undergraduates. It simply indicates that the wearer is a Tech man and they will be especially in demand outside of the city of Boston. Bursar Rand has undertaken to secure a supply of the buttons and the REVIEW will make announcement as soon as the buttons are ready for distribution. Send your orders to him.



## MEETING OF TECH MEN IN PITTSBURGH

The President tells of Alumni accomplishments and of the new Technology—  
Prominent educators entertain Doctor Maclaurin

The annual banquet of the Pittsburgh Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on January 23, 1912, closed the third link in the chain of events covering the recent tour of Doctor Maclaurin to the various alumni associations.

We were all delighted at the prospect of President Maclaurin's visit, and the occasion has again made him ever dearer and nearer to the hearts of all Tech men in the Pittsburgh District.

On the morning of the 23d the committee consisting of Bickford, '01, Bishop, '98, Dewey, '07, Rapelye, '08, and Reed, '97, were on hand to welcome the Doctor at the Pennsylvania Station en route from the Washington Association.

After breakfast at the University Club the party left for the University of Pittsburgh where Doctor Maclaurin met Chancellor S. B. McCormick and Dr. S. B. Linhart, secretary of the University.

An extended tour of the buildings was planned by Bishop, '98, and Doctor McCormick explained in detail the plans of building and extension of the University which were made by competition of architects, and for which plans are being executed as funds will permit.

Luncheon was served at the University Club, Doctor Maclaurin being the guest of Doctor McCormick who was entertaining Dr. M. J. Rosenau from Harvard Medical School.

Doctor Rosenau was lecturing at the University of Pittsburgh on "Sanitation Relating to Public Health," and we had the pleasure of his presence at our dinner in the evening.

In the afternoon Doctor Maclaurin visited local alumni under the direction of W. Edgar Reed, '97.

At seven o'clock sharp we gathered around the banquet board and enjoyed one of the famous dinners for which the

chef of the University Club is famous. The banquet decorations were large baskets of red tulips and narcissus. The toastmaster of the evening was Dr. John Brashear—"Pittsburgh's First Citizen"—who was introduced by the President of our association, Mr. Warren I. Bickford, '01.

Doctor Brashear spoke most feelingly of his great friendship and admiration for Doctor Maclaurin and his love for the Institute and its "Tech man." He delighted those present with anecdotes of science in his most genial and fascinating way.

Doctor Maclaurin spoke on "The New Tech." He told us of the history of the past, present and the future. He did not fail to bring out most forcibly the great responsibility resting on every one connected in any way with the Institute, as to the planning and execution of the building and development for our great future.

Doctor McCormick spoke on the "Rebuilding of an Old University." His problems have been in general such as confront us today, and he fully predicts that our "Tech men" of today will build the future Tech of tomorrow with much credit to add to the wonderful standards and traditions of our beloved Institute.

Dr. Arthur Hammerschlag, director of the Carnegie Technical Schools, gave an interesting talk on the "Building of New Technical Schools." He outlined the scheme and conception of the founder of the schools and removed the false impression that many considered the task easy to build schools with unlimited capital while to the contrary it was necessary to practice the greatest care, judgment and economy.

The competitive plan of architecture and execution was explained and how

the parts of the plans are being executed from the general scheme.

Mr. C. Snelling Robinson, '84, first vice-president of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., and Mr. Dwight P. Robinson, president and general manager of Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation of Boston, Mass., were present. We can always count on "C. S." for a little talk and he honored us on this occasion.

On the following morning the Doctor visited the Carnegie Technical Schools where under the personal supervision of the director he was filled full of the "joys and trials" and objective points in the building of these schools.

Mr. S. B. Ely, '92, had arranged luncheon at the Duquesne Club where the following guests met the President:—Dr. John A. Brashear, Rev. Dr. H. D. Lindsay, Doctor Holland. Dr. Arthur Hammerschlag, and W. Lucien Scaife.

L. K. YODER, '95.

### The Washington Dinner

The annual dinner of the Washington Society, given in honor of Doctor MacLaurin, January 22, was the 13th anniversary of the first meeting of the society. It was held at Hotel Arlington with W. J. Gill, Jr., '04, as toastmaster. In addition to Doctor MacLaurin the speakers were F. H. Newell, '85, director of the United States Reclamation Service, and M. O. Leighton, '96, chief hydrographer of the United States Geological Survey. There were thirty-two members of the society present and the greatest interest and enthusiasm was evinced when the President told of the progress made by the Institute during the last year and the acquiring of the new site for the Institute. It looked to the audience as if the problems that bore so heavily but a few months ago, are likely to be solved in the very near future, and that Technology is to come to its own. The success of the banquet was due to the efforts of the banquet committee which consisted of Parker Van P. Dodge, '07, Myron Davis, '09, and Frederick W. Swanton, '90.

### Alumni in Atlanta Organize

While the alumni of Birmingham were celebrating the first meeting of Tech men in that city, January 27, they were somewhat surprised and much pleased to receive a congratulatory message from the Technology alumni located in Atlanta who had assembled at the Georgian Terrace on the same evening, the first gathering of local Tech men in Atlanta. A private room in the hotel was tastefully decorated with flowers, streamers and banners bearing the Technology colors of cardinal and silver gray. The dinner was followed with informal short speeches made by all of the men present, and the old Tech spirit and good fellowship prevailed.

A local alumni association was effected and officers elected for the ensuing year. Those present were: F. W. Hadley, '93, manager, Atlantic Water and Electric Power Company, Atlanta; F. F. Forster, '96, traveling salesman with Draper Company, Atlanta; W. Kelley, '98, analytical chemist with Picard-Law Company, Atlanta; H. M. Keys, '99, fundamental plan engineer, with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Atlanta; C. A. Smith, '99, superintendent of roadways, Georgia Railway & Electric Co., Atlanta; W. R. Collier, '00, contract manager, Georgia Railway & Electric Co., Atlanta; H. W. Key, '06, sales department, General Electric Company, Atlanta; H. W. Beers, '06, chief engineer, Southern Ferro-Concrete Company, Atlanta; D. C. Picard, '03, president, Picard-Law Company, Atlanta; Arthur H. Turner, '09, assistant engineer, Southern Ferro Concrete Company, Atlanta; L. M. Thacher, civil engineer, Georgia Railway & Electric Co., Atlanta; J. Philip Wey, engineer in charge, Peachtree Creek Disposal Plant, Atlanta.

Professor Miles S. Sherrill, '99, assistant professor of theoretical chemistry at the Institute, has been called to the University of California at Berkeley where he has commenced his work as special instructor in chemistry.