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THE COUNCIL WINDS UP FOR THE SEASON

Reports and elections—the recapitulation of an active
and successful year

A SANE and heartening speech by the new president of the Alumni Association, Henry A. Morss, '93, and a story of absorbing interest of his travels in England and the trenches by George B. Glidden, '93, who is back in this country after a tour of inspection in the interests of the Liberty Loan, were the features of the closing meeting of the Alumni Council at the Engineers' Club after dinner on May 27.

It was, as usual, the annual business meeting, and the program of the evening consisted largely of committee reports and elections. The meeting was well attended both by outgoing and incoming members. President Hart presided, having on his right the new executive, who later in the evening, in response to Mr. Hart's welcome and introduction, spoke concerning the duty of Technology men both as alumni and as citizens in these days of sacrifice and strain.

It was decided on recommendation of the Executive Committee that since there was to be no Commencement this year, and therefore no Pop Night or other formal welcoming of the senior class into the body of the alumni, it would be well to invite as many of the alumni as wished, to visit the Institute on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 11, to see the tank, the aviators drilling, and to inspect the Institute's war activities. An account of that afternoon will be found on another page.

Also on the recommendation of the Executive Committee the Council was asked to send to that committee suggestions for

representatives on the Council from local associations, representatives which the committee is to appoint for the next season.

The vote on the three members to be elected to the Nominating Committee for the next three years elected the following men: Francis R. Hart, '89; Joseph H. Knight, '96; and Grosvenor D' W. Marcy, '05.

The new members nominated for various committees in the coming years and elected unanimously by the Council are:

Assemblies, O. B. DENISON, '11, till 1923.

Permanent Funds, FRANK A. MERRILL, '87, till 1921.

Technology Review, DONALD G. ROBBINS, '07, till 1923.

Historical Collection, JAMES P. MUNROE, '82, till 1923.

There had also been a Special Nominating Committee appointed to make recommendations for the Advisory Council on Undergraduate Activities. This committee Mr. Allen reported for as follows:

"The Special Nominating Committee appointed at the March meeting of the Alumni Council presents the following nominations as recommendations for the Alumni Advisory Council's Undergraduate Activities for the coming year.

ATHLETICS

CARL GRAM, '09, to serve until 1921.

UNDERGRADUATE PUBLICATION

PAUL C. LEONARD, '17, to serve until 1923.

"TECH SHOW"

J. I. FINNIE, '09, to serve in place of Alexander Macomber, '07, until 1920.

GEORGE B. GLIDDEN, '93, to serve until 1921.

MUSICAL CLUBS

ALLEN ABRAMS, '15, to serve until 1921.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

"In view of the fact that all members of the present Finance Committee have entered the service of the United States or have left the vicinity of Boston and in view of the fact that the war conditions existing make a temporary scarcity of men who can

serve on these committees with efficiency, the committee recommends that the Budget and Finance Committees be consolidated into one committee to serve until the annual meeting in 1919, and that this committee be made up as follows:

BURSAR, H. S. FORD, to serve until 1921.

H. E. WORCESTER, '97, to serve until 1920.

M. L. EMERSON, '04, to serve until 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. GILMORE,

PAUL C. LEONARD,

LAWRENCE ALLEN, *Chairman.*"

After this report had been adopted Dr. Rowe called the attention of the Council to the fact that the recent entry into service of Dr. Rockwell, '96, left the Advisory Council on Athletics short one member, and nominated Lawrence Allen, to fill the vacancy. The Council so voted.

Following the main report, that of the Secretary-Treasurer, the following reports were read and approved: The Alumni Fund, the Runkle Memorial (progress); M. I. T. Committee on National Service; Assemblies: Dues and Memberships: Permanent Funds TECHNOLOGY REVIEW: the various Advisory Councils on Athletics, Finance, "Tech Show," Publications, Musical Clubs; and, finally, the Auditing Committee.

A pleasant and encouraging feature of Mr. Rollins' report on the National Service Committee occurred during his mention of the Tech Bureau in Paris, at which time he read some real undergraduate letters concerning Rev. George C. Gibbs, '00, which showed that the committee had made no mistake in sending him over. See page 408.

Another pleasant feature of the dinner was the presence of two representatives of the class of April 20, of the Army School of Military Aeronautics quartered in the Civil Engineering wing of the Institute. This class had, it seemed, become so proud of being Institute men that they had formed a plan for an Alumni Association of the military aviators trained at Tech, and they came to the dinner to bring greetings and receive them and to ask help for affiliating their Alumni Association with the parent body. This cheerful interlude, for everybody appreciated the friendliness the men showed, particularly one who was a Frenchman, put the company in good humor for the dryer business which followed.

But the best part of the evening was George Glidden's long story of what he saw in France and England when he went to get ammunition for the Liberty Loan drives. It cannot be reproduced; its value lay largely in the way Mr. Glidden told it. But all who heard the stories of Mr. Glidden and the food problem in England, of the blonde girl in the air-raid shelter, of how it feels to be shelled, to ride in a battle plane, to live in the citadel under Verdun, to take tea with Baroness Astor without sugar, as well as the more serious and inspiring part of his talk, will not soon forget it. He couldn't talk long enough for the diners. It was a fine ending to a meeting recapitulating a successful year of Technology activity in the war . . . this simple, humorous, forcible story of the war as seen by one Tech man.

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STILL BUILDING

CONSTRUCTION was begun in May on a new cruciform building of wood to be devoted to the needs of the Navy Aviation Detachment. This is to be a structure of which the nave will be 130 feet in length and the transept, which will have a clerestory, will be 100 feet, the two-story-short section making a curious effect of a church plan. The ends of the nave will be devoted to a rigging school and a navigation school, respectively, while the big two-story transept will have galleries for aerial observation. The new building is situated in the angle between the new navy seaplane hangar and the du Pont aerodynamic laboratory, and will obscure the view of the former from Massachusetts Avenue, it is expected to be ready before July 1. Technology is also at work on a subterranean structure for inflammable materials and two small supplementary heating plants. The new machine gun pit is ready for use. Still other buildings of important nature in the schools for the government are under consideration, but the plannings have not yet been determined upon.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1917

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of the Alumni Association on December 31, 1917, was 7,554, made up of 6,256 graduates and 1298 elected members of whom 343 are life members. In addition to these there are four honorary members, a loss of one in the death of Ex-President Crafts. The year's gross increase was graduates 315, elected members 45; 250 were dropped for non-payment of dues, leaving a net increase in membership of 70 members.

During the past year dues were received from 4,012 members, 55.6 per cent of our membership. This compares with 56.5 per cent of 1916, a loss of about 1 per cent.

ATTENDANCE: The average attendance at the Council meetings during 1917, was 46. There were 7 Council meetings held. On account of the war and demands upon the time of members of the Council, the December meeting was omitted. The February and April meetings have also been omitted for the same reason.

REPORTS OF THE YEAR: A special committee was appointed to consider the question of a student tax, which was presented by undergraduates and endorsed. The committee made a report in favor of a student tax which was transmitted to the Corporation. It is interesting to note that the student tax was approved and has been in effect during the present school year. The annual report of the Alumni Advisory Council on the Budget speaks of this.

POLICIES AND EVENTS: During the past year, the change in the year of the administration has taken place. The officers of the past administration have continued their service until this meeting.

It has been voted to incorporate the Association and steps are being taken toward the incorporation.

A plan is now effective by which the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, after a certain period may nominate and elect representatives on the Council for the Local Associations. Each local association has the opportunity of naming its representative on the Council, but failing to do this by May of

any year, may have presented to them by the Executive Committee the nomination for a representative on the Council.

During the past year a convention to consider the topic of Human Engineering was discussed, but on account of the war it was indefinitely postponed.

Last year instead of holding the usual Pop Concert which has been held at graduation time for so many years, the alumni were invited to be present at the graduation exercises of the Class of 1917, at which time the two flagpoles given by the Classes of '85 and '92 were dedicated. Professor Talbot spoke for the Class of '85 and Mr. John A. Curtin spoke for the Class of '92. The Alumni Association provided a military band for these exercises and the alumni present inspected the new buildings of the Institute.

During the past year, Mr. Litchfield, the field manager and also editor of THE TECHNOLOGY REVIEW, tendered his resignation because of national service and also resigned as representative of his class on the Council. Upon the acceptance of this resignation Mr. Litchfield was elected an honorary member of the Council.

At the suggestion of Mr. Litchfield, the Council through the Committee on Publication of THE TECHNOLOGY REVIEW, was pleased to elect Prof. Robert E. Rogers editor of the REVIEW.

A change in the publication has taken effect whereby the usual monthly numbers of the magazine have been omitted and the publication is confined to the quarterly or magazine numbers. During the year the Alumni Association has coöperated to a great extent with the student publication, *The Tech*, which is now published twice a week.

While a new field manager has not been appointed, the Alumni Association has had representatives visit local associations. Mr. Ritchie visited a few; Professor Pearson last summer visited some, and Professor Allen represented the Council at meetings of the local associations between here and the Mississippi River, from as far north as Minneapolis to as far south as Cincinnati.

WAR ACTIVITIES: The April, 1917, meeting of the Council was devoted to the topic, What Technology is doing in War Times, and at that time Doctor Maclaurin, Professor Peabody, Major Cole, Captain Downing and representatives of the student body rehearsed for the Council what had already been attempted in the brief period of the war. The October meeting was also

devoted to a report of Technology war activities. A full account of the war activities of the Institute was given by Professor Allen in his trip in January, 1918, to the local associations.

Upon adjourning for the summer, last year, the Committee on the Mobilization of Technology's Resources was authorized by vote of the Council to appoint an auxiliary committee which might organize at all centers where there are Technology men, in order that a group might be ready to help those whose husbands are Tech men and are in the service of the government.

At the Cleveland convention of the Technology Clubs Associated in April, 1917, a committee was appointed which was to have headquarters in Washington to assist Technology men in placing themselves in the proper service of the government. This committee was merged with the Committee on the Mobilization of Technology's Resources, and there was formed the M. I. T. Committee for National Service. The office was maintained in Washington until the end of January, 1918, when, because of the Personnel Officers appointed by the various departments of the government it seemed unnecessary to maintain a separate Technology office.

Through the kindness of a friend of Technology, Ambulance 754 in France bore the name of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The same friend of Technology sent Mr. Lansingh to Paris to organize a club for Technology men in service. Mr. Lansingh went, however, at his own request, with the understanding that the scheme might be coöperative and that his efforts might be joined with those of other colleges. This resulted in the establishment of a Technology Club, which was so well founded that it was taken over by the American University Union as the foundation of that organization. THE TECHNOLOGY REVIEW for April, 1918, tells of the American University Union.

TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR NATIONAL SERVICE: In support of these war activities an interesting fund has been raised known as the Technology Fund for National Service, to which members of the Corporation are generously contributing as individuals, to the amount of \$1100 a month. The alumni were circularized and they are contributing, some by monthly payment, others in a lump sum, so that on December 31, 1917, the fund amounted to \$20,675 and now amounts to \$34,828.

From this fund there has been paid to the

Halifax Relief Committee.....	\$500.00
M. I. T. War Service Auxiliary.....	9,600.00
American University Union.....	2,200.00
Washington Office.....	800.00
Records of M. I. T. Men in Service.....	1,200.00
<i>The Tech</i>	1,400.00

WAR RECORDS: The alumni have been circularized and asked to make reports to headquarters concerning national service, both civil and military, of other men as well as themselves, and these replies have been carefully recorded with the source of information. Requests for information concerning the war work of students who have left the Institute since war was declared have been sent to parent or guardians. Both an alphabetical and class catalogue have been arranged. The alumni office is coöperating with the M. I. T. War Auxiliary and with the management of *The Tech* in compiling this information. It has been the experience of those concerned with the War Records of other colleges that the best results can be obtained by making haste slowly. In the December number of THE TECHNOLOGY REVIEW there was published a list of M. I. T. men in service up to that time, with the purpose of obtaining additions and corrections.

The following is a report of the M. I. T. men in service as reported by the M. I. T. War Service Auxiliary, May 17, 1918: In service, 2253; In foreign service, 557; In aviation, 378; In navy, 452; Officers, 1472; O. T. C., 137; Inspectors or Instructors, 107; In Ambulance, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., 55; Deaths, 32.

FINANCES: The state of the finances of the Association is shown by the report of the auditors employed by the auditing committee. The report shows that the income of the year, exceeded the expense by about \$900; but, with the accumulated deficit of the previous years, amounting to about \$500, the surplus account shows a balance of about \$400. This surplus is due to the omission, on account of the change in by-laws, of the annual ballot, which was postponed until March, 1918. This ballot costs almost \$400, hence the administration of the past year, while it did not carry out the usual annual ballot gave to

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the present administration a surplus sufficient to care for this annual item.

It has been the policy in collecting dues for this calendar year not to send second notices to men in service. It is likely that the income from dues will be considerably less this year on account of the number of members in service.

STATEMENT

December 31, 1917.

RESOURCES

Cash.....	\$14,994.99
Accounts receivable.....	1,309.01
Furniture, etc.....	590.30
Inventories.....	822.47
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	\$17,716.77
Surplus.....	402.64
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	\$17,314.13

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable.....	\$1,183.80
Life membership.....	100.00
Payments in advance.....	109.00
Reunion, 1916.....	90.08
Class of 1917.....	107.03
Society Technology Architects.....	171.85
Alumni Fund for National Service.....	10,257.55
Corporation Fund for National Service.....	5,294.82
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	\$17,314.13

EXPENSE

Secretary's salary.....	\$500.00
Labor.....	1,862.79
Postage and printing.....	1,035.19
Stationery and supplies.....	279.62
Carfare, express, etc.....	39.81
Collection expense.....	3.13