

This meeting was held on October 17, 1895, and was a very successful one. The subsequent history of the society may be found in the Secretary's record, but a glance over the list of papers presented during these last two years will reveal much of interest. The subjects are mainly such as are of interest to engineering students, but the element of literary character is not lacking. The papers presented have been written in forcible and entertaining style—the degree of favor with which such productions are always received supplying the necessary incentive to careful and conscientious work.

Electrical and mechanical subjects naturally constitute the larger part of the topics, for it is within these lines that the school work of the members is principally confined. Subjects of a general scientific or philosophical character are often given a place so that no tendency to narrowness or one-sidedness of view will be encouraged by the society. Biographical sketches occupy a conspicuous place and these are always welcome, for progress in large part is measured by the advancement of individuals, and by a study of the masters, we learn to know the results of their labors. Special study of some particular mechanism, a knowledge of which would be beneficial, is encouraged, and the results of tests or individual investigation in laboratory or commercial work are gladly received. In this manner the society became a place for exchange of ideas, and information gathered by one became the common property of all. It was found that men of standing in commercial and professional life were very willing to add their support, and a number of such men have favored the society with their presence and have shown their interest by addressing it on their chosen topics.

The membership of the society has always been made up of the best students and has held in its ranks the acknowledged leaders in all branches of school work. It was here that the question of a college paper was taken up, discussed and finally dropped as impracticable at that time. The society undertook to secure the adoption of a college pin and carried it to a successful issue. The very tasty design, which is now the College emblem, was the work of Mr. Malcolmson, one of the Society's members. Any plan which touched the interests of the student was given due consideration, and it was here that many questions were discussed and settled—the influence of the Society being such that its verdict was accepted as the verdict of the whole student body.

But with all the earnest work done by the Society there was still an opportunity for the exercise of the pure fun-loving faculties. The initiation of a new member was the occasion for a less rigid observance of that dignity which each member was supposed to possess, and an occasional "feed" was very enjoyable—it served to increase the feeling of fraternity and goodfellowship so necessary in college life. It also tended to keep our financial accounts in such a state of simplicity that one might say the Treasurer's reports were of no account at all.

The "Technical Society" has always stood in the closest relationship to the faculty and has been favored in many ways. The use of all needful apparatus has at all times been tendered us, and no request has ever been refused when benefit to the Society was at stake. This liberal policy on the part of the faculty shows the esteem in which the efforts of the Society are held, and it behooves each member to exert his influence to maintain these cordial relations and to make the Society a power in the student-life of the School.