THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

PRELUDE . . . In this first issue of the fifth year of the Alumni Review, your Editor wishes to make the traditional but sincerely believed commentary that "this year's efforts will be bigger and better than last year's." In the case of the Alumni Review and of the Alumni Association itself, this trend of constant growth and improvement is no mere gesture. In the relatively short period of its existence, the Alumni Association has achieved a membership goal unequaled on a percentage basis, by any college or university in the country. An especially interesting feature of this membership list is that almost ten per cent of the total are life members. And this mark has not been achieved by super-salesmanship but rather by a series of activities by and for Alumni, also unequaled by other like organizations. True our Alumni body is rather homogenous as to interests and geographical location, and this is our natural advantage. But we think the program of dinner meetings, field days, seminar weeks, dances, football rallies, and publications has been the main reason for the constantly increasing growth and interest in Alumni membership.

And the Alumni Review likewise has grown. From a rather humble start five years ago, it can now stand with the best in the country. Surely it is not the largest, nor perhaps does it have the best articles, nor is it published as frequently as some. But we exchange issues with several of the leading schools of the country and we can without reservation feel proud of the comparisons.

NOTICE: Incidentally, this will be your last issue of the Review if you fail to send in your 1941-42 Alumni dues. We should like to send the Review to all graduates of the Institute, paid members or not, but postal regulations and finances forbid this. So now it's up to you.

ABOUT OUR AUTHORS . . . .

Howard W. Finney, '32, who contributes a timely article on defense contracts, is an Alumni who has drifted away from the field of science and engineering into that of public accounting. For the past several years he has been associated with Price, Waterhouse, and Company in Los Angeles, and one of his aims in contributing the article was to bring busy engineers up to date on some of the highlights of the all-important question of the day - how to get defense contracts.

Fred S. Scott, '30, presents in this issue the result of considerable time and effort in running down the names and last-known addresses of Alumni in active military service. Fred compiled the list with fear and trembling because of the high possibility of errors of omission and commission (no pun intended) that exists, and the article is presented with the certainty that a barrage of corrections will ensue. But we think it is of great interest to note how many Alumni are in the service and what a large number of relatively high ranking they hold. Fred Scott incidentally has long been an active Alumni Association worker, now holds a Captainship in the Chemical Warfare Reserve, and is employed by the Union Oil Company in a technical capacity. He is known to undergraduates at the Institute as the donor of the Scott Tennis Trophy, for which annual competitions are held.

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