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by Senator Squire, of Washington, and into the House by Representative Wilson of New York. It provides, among other things, for the establishment of a course of instruction in Naval Engineering in the several scientific and technological schools of the United States, and the endowment and support of such courses, as well as the strengthening of the present engineering courses in all such institutions, that they may become fitted to meet the requirements of the naval engineering service. The benefits will not be confined to State institutions, but may be extended to include other colleges and universities.

To aid these schools in establishing and maintaining a course of instruction in mechanical engineering which shall be satisfactory to the National Government, the bill provides that all such institutions which become beneficiaries of this federal aid may obtain, by loan or gift from the Government, such models, plans, or machinery, as can be spared without detriment to the naval service; moreover, all professional and naval literature in the form of monographs and similar publications issued by the Navy Department, shall be furnished free of cost to all students pursuing the accredited course. The Government will also assign professors of naval engineering to give theoretical and practical instruction in the subjects concerned in that department, such instruction to be under the supervision of an Inspector-General of Naval Engineering. The bill also opens appointments to the Engineer Corps of the United States Navy to the graduates from the institutions which become beneficiaries under its provisions.

Although the object of this bill is primarily to provide for the requirements of naval engineering, the entire engineering department of the various schools will be greatly strengthened by the additions to the laboratories, the appointment of an engineer officer to the faculty, and the opening to the graduates of a desirable branch of the Government service.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

At the annual business meeting of the M. I. T. Y. M. C. A., reports of officers and committees were read, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: George I. Fiske, '97, President; Clancey M. Lewis, '99, Vice President; Willard B. Nelson, '98, Recording Secretary; Edward S. Chapin, '98, Corresponding Secretary; and Charles M. Swan, '97, Treasurer.

The total membership of the Association is one hundred and thirteen, of which fifty-one were added last term. Thirty of the latter are Ninety-nine men. Over one thousand handbooks containing interesting and useful information about the city and Institute have been distributed. Information bureaus were conducted at the entrance examinations in June and September. Religious-census blanks were distributed with the handbooks, and of the three hundred and eight students who filled out blanks, one hundred and twelve are church members. The first annual reception to new students was held near the opening of last term. The programme consisted of short addresses, music, and refreshments. The Intercollegiate Secretary, Mr. Robert E. Lewis, aided by the college associations of Boston, prepared a list of reliable lodging houses for the benefit of students. This list proved very useful. It is the purpose of the Association to act as a welcoming body to the incoming class, make the new students acquainted with upper classmen, and locate them in reliable lodging houses. The main thing to be considered this term is the starting of a Student House, where members of the Association may room, and where there shall be a reading room for the benefit of all students in the vicinity. A "Social Bible Circle of Tech Men" met last term and took up a chronological outline of the life of Christ. This term a topical study of the life of Christ will be taken up. All wishing to join or obtain further information will please apply to Mr. H. I. Lord, '98, or Mr. Robert E. Lewis (office at Boston Y. M. C. A.).