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TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

Undoubtedly, every Tech. man living in the vicinity of the Institute knows the pressing need of a boarding house or restaurant where he may obtain clean and wholesome food at reasonable prices. Restaurants where, when entering, he is not met with or almost knocked over by an odor of burning grease or other fumes, rising from filthy, greasy frying pans or pots, are exceedingly scarce, if not entirely wanting. It is a common occurrence to see the waiters empty a water glass that has been used, and simply dry it and place it back on the table, instead of thoroughly washing and disinfecting it; butter scraps are carefully saved and used again in many places. In fact, anyone ever entering the kitchens of most restaurants or dining rooms and seeing the food in the process of preparation would scarcely believe it possible for a human being to eat such food. The reason for all this being that the proprietors of such enterprises resort to every possible means of making an extra penny wherever they think it may not be noticed, at the expense of those who are so unfortunate as to be obliged to eat the "hash" or "trash" they wish to place before them.

In this respect the Tech. is far behind the times. In a letter, telling about the Vegetarian Club at the University of Chicago, my friend says: "A more delightful place to enjoy a meal I have never found. The rooms are so attractive and neat, and everything is clean and tasteful. The tables are always decorated with flowers and fruit of a remarkable variety. Nuts are also always on the table. Besides this, there are three varieties of bread (white, whole wheat, and corn), crackers, rolls, butter, milk, cheese, etc., on the tables at all times. There is no animal fat used, excepting pure butter. All the cooking is done with olive oil or nut-butter, as many of the members object even to animal butter.

"It is remarkable what a variety of delicious dishes are served, even the most confirmed meat-eater would scarcely ever miss his meat, so great is the variety and so wholesome and delicious the food. As to cleanliness in cooking, etc., I can only say that if we wish to give the Vegetarians credit for anything, it must be for the care with which their food is prepared and selected. I, for my part, have never before enjoyed so tasteful and appetizing a meal as I have at the rooms of this organization. Their price for twenty-one meals is only $2.50. It seems to me that an establishment similar to this would be of great benefit to Tech. men, provided it were located where it would be convenient to the rooms of a large number of students."

The Vegetarian Society of Boston, which consists to a great extent of Tech. men and professors, has kindly offered to erect such an establishment, and will furnish equally good food at the same, if not even lower prices ($2.50 for twenty-one meals), providing a sufficiently large number of men take an interest in it, and will express their opinion regarding the locality, etc., either by letter to the Society or in person at a meeting to be held in Room 11, Rogers Building, on Friday, April 22d, at 4 P. M. The object of this meeting is to see whether or not it would be advisable to establish such an enterprise. The University of Chicago has been very successful for the last four years, and we trust the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will do likewise.

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON.

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"Technique," '99.

In the evolution of our annual from year to year there has been a steady increase in artistic and literary merit, and in general beauty and finish. Accompanying this there has naturally been a loss of some of the originality and spontaneous wit which characterized the older and cruder volumes. Since the '95 book, "Technique" has been more or less in a rut; it has apparently been the effort of the Editors of the current volume to lift it out of this rut, and their efforts have been attended with success.

The principal innovation is the introduction of short historical sketches in connection with the principal clubs and societies. This is, perhaps, the most successful feature of the book; the idea is good, and it has been well and carefully carried out. The bits of verse sprinkled through the volume add greatly to its interest. The vignettes at the foot of many