the first exponent. The inspiration that comes
from working under a man who has distin-
guished himself in any line of work, as has
President Crafts in his, is something of which
the value is inestimable if we are to count in
the future among our alumni men of note in
the purely scientific world.

President Crafts has filled a difficult posi-
tion well and the thought and study that he
has given to the interests of our college is
not unappreciated.

In view of President Crafts' resignation, to take effect
at the close of the present school year, his annual
report is this year of es-

special interest as indica-
tive of the flourishing
condition in which he
will leave the Institute.

The distinction between
the professional school
and the college, as emphasized by President
Crafts, is one which is coming to be recog-
nized more and more. The development of
the Institute independently, and the success
which has accompanied this freedom from
interference of any kind, is cited as a striking
proof of the assertion that technical schools
can best handle the problems which confront
them without dictation from a university of
which they may be an off-shoot.

In spite of the fact that Technology is pri-
marily a scientific school, the prescribed course
of instruction as laid down by the faculty is
shown to be as broad as that pursued by the
average student in colleges where electives
are in vogue; and to our mind a scientific
course of instruction, with the general subjects
prescribed to all students, is much more fitted
to develop the students' intellect, and the
faculty of attacking any given problem,
whether of a technical nature or not, in a
systematic manner, than is a course of purely
elective subjects, in which in the majority of
cases, the student selects those subjects which
he can pass with the least difficulty.

The constant broadening of the courses of
instruction is shown in the new option in
Landscape Architecture, soon to be added to
the Architectural Course, in the option in Heat-
ing and Ventilation already introduced into
the Course II. curriculum, and in Professor
Summer's option in the Politics of Eastern Asia.

The statement of the treasurer is encourag-
ing, showing a large increase in property of
the Institute during the past year. Although
a large proportion of the year's bequests are
not available for general purposes, the special
bequests fill in many cases long felt wants, in
providing advantages which the financial
resources of the Institute have heretofore
been unable to supply.

The system of marking
and exhibiting drawings
which is made possible
by the nature of the work
in the Architectural de-
partment has many points
of advantage over those
in vogue in the other
courses. The knowledge that his work will
be given a high or low place in the exhibition,
according as it is well thought out and carefully
worked up, or slighted in scheme and execu-
tion, cannot but draw out the best talent a man
has. This fact is well shown by the way the
work is carried on. Throughout the whole
task of working out a problem, every man
is thinking of those mentions to be awarded
and trying to better his work by looking at
it from the standpoint of others. And, finally,
if a man does get his hoped-for mention, he
feels that his work has not been in vain, and
is encouraged for his next task, unlike the
man who works on day after day, never see-
ing the rewards of merit, and never getting
out of his well-worn rut.