work, but of other equally essential subjects as well; for example: for students of chemistry a knowledge of physics, German, French, and a certain amount of mathematics is indispensable; while the student of mining engineering must have at his command chemistry, physics, modern languages, and often must have some insight into mechanical or civil engineering. In other words, not alone those subjects in a course—for example, chemistry, which bear its name—are to be considered, but the course as a whole should be carefully looked over to determine one’s own fitness to enter upon it.

That having been done, the student should avail himself of the invitation extended by the heads of all departments to confer with them, either during their office hours, or at other times specifically named by them, and which have been or will be duly announced. A frank statement of the reasons, on the part of the student, which have led to the tentative selection of a course, will generally furnish the best foundation for advice and guidance. It is probable that something will be gained by every student, however positive his decision, by such conference with the representative of the department which he proposes to enter.

A circular on the "Choice of Courses," containing important statements regarding requirements for entrance to the various courses, the degree to which personal tastes or prospect of pecuniary return should influence the election, and the inter-relations of the different professional courses, is obtainable at the secretary’s office, and this pamphlet should be read without fail by all first-year students.

It should be particularly noted that the decision made at this time is not irrevocable, since it is generally possible to change to another course if the experience of the second term, or other considerations, appear to make such a step desirable.

In addition, special circulars relating to a number of the courses are to be had on application, and should be consulted.

The best idea of the lines of work entered by graduates from the various courses can be obtained by an examination of the list published in each catalogue. These occupations are summarized in some of the special circulars.

It may be said in conclusion that there is no one of the thirteen courses outlined in the catalogue which does not offer the opportunity for earnest, thoughtful, fruitful labor; there is no course which does not demand it for its successful completion; and there is no course in which, if creditably completed, the student may not reasonably expect to find a satisfactory field for the application of his acquired training. H. P. Talbot.

Meeting of Institute Committee.

At the Institute Committee meeting last Monday, a complete set of by-laws for the year was adopted. A committee was appointed to recommend to the Lunch-room Committee of the Faculty that no chairs be turned up in the lunch-room after one o’clock, and a committee was appointed, which drew up the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Institute Committee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology observes with deep regret the misinterpretation of a speech made by our president, in which he urged more attention to the social side of our college life;

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the official representatives of the undergraduate body, express the strongest appreciation of our president’s endeavor to introduce a greater spirit of fellowship into the student life of our college.

Calendar.

Friday, Jan. 17. — Regular meeting of the Forum of Technology, 1905, will be held in Room 11, Rogers, at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21. — Semi-Annual Examinations begin.

Tuesday, Feb. 11. — Second term begins.