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THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It was an inspiring audience which President Pritchett faced on Wednesday at one o'clock, when he met for the first time the newly entered students of the Institute of Technology. Nearly eight hundred men will this year study at Tech who were not there last year, and of these nearly five hundred will belong to the Freshman Class, a record which exceeds that of any other class in the history of the Institute except that of two years ago.

President Pritchett prefaced his talk with references to various student enterprises and interests, to which he directed the attention of the new men, among others the Technology Club, the Tech Union, the Y. M. C. A. and its reception to new students at the Union on Friday night, the Tech House (a student settlement in Roxbury) and the social work going on in connection with it, and finally, to the relation of the students to the very modest athletics which the Institute student body maintains. Tech for the first time in its history has a comfortable athletic field amply fitted for football, baseball and tennis, and with an unusually fine running track. All this has been prepared during the summer on the tract of land in Brookline which came to the Institute through the generosity of Mr. Samuel Cabot. President Pritchett made the further pleasing announcement that by the generosity of another member of the Corporation, Mr. George Wigglesworth, the field is to be immediately surrounded by a good fence, and a building serving as a grand stand with dressing rooms and shower baths is to be erected. He explained that, while this meant no new policy of the Institute in athletics, and signified no intention on the part of the student body or of the Advisory Council to go into the business of athletics, it did mean a new opportunity for Technology students to have open air exercise and to take a

reasonable part in track athletics. When the applause which greeted this announcement had sufficiently subsided, President Pritchett continued, speaking in part as follows:

"In extending to you this welcome to the work and to the play, to the good natured rivalries and to the life-long friendships of your life here, there is one thing I wish I might make clear to you, and that is, that every man in the instructing staff is ready and anxious to be your friend and to forward your interests. You may be sure of a cordial welcome not only to the office of your adviser but at the room of any teacher in the Institute. You will want to know the Dean at the earliest moment possible in your life here, and you may feel sure of his sympathy and his help. If you are in doubt, get his advice and follow it. And I hope you will not forget the medical adviser, who is himself a Tech graduate and who knows the difficulties and needs of your life. His office hours are posted and he is accessible to you at those hours without charge.

"I always envy a man who stands at the beginning of his college life. If a man does not find these four years full of inspiration and joy, I think it very doubtful whether he can expect to be joyful in this life.

"I have thought as I have met one after another of your class in the last week, what an education it would be for a member of this class simply to know his own classmates. I have shaken hands with men of your class whose homes are in China, in the Philippines, in Corea, in Mexico, in England, in every part of our Union. East and west here meet together, and if each may learn to understand the other you have a world acquaintance in so knowing each other. And to promote this very knowledge and understanding of men is one of the chief ends of education, and of educational institutions. In proportion as men come in real touch they grow in judgment, in sympathy, in the ability to see the other man's view.

This to be a strong man. Those are true words of Rudyard Kipling:

"The East is East and the West is West,
And never the twain shall meet
Till Earth and Sky stand presently
Before God's judgment seat;
But there is no East and there is no West
Nor border, nor breed, nor birth,
When two strong men stand face to face,
Though they come from the ends of the earth."

"Out of just such association as you are to have here comes that understanding which means strength, and I want to suggest to you, those from East and West, from North and South, to know each other.

"And I am led to follow this one step further. It is a matter of no small significance that men of the East and of the West, of different civilization and different race history, meet here to study together. For the work which men come here to learn lends itself to the positive side of human endeavor, not to the negative side; to the side which builds up, not the side which pulls down; to the arts which look toward peace, not to those which look toward war. It will be a real loss to the world if out of such association there does not come that which looks toward the peace of the world.

"To-day in the East a war involving dreadful sacrifice and suffering, is in progress. Sometimes it has seemed that the applied science of recent years lent itself to the art of destruction rather than to the purposes of construction. All the inventions of modern science have been bent to the destruction of human life and of human property; and, however we may admire the bravery and the devotion which both armies show, we cannot but regret the political blindness, the absence of common appreciation of human obligations and the lack of intelligence which makes such war possible. If the work of our modern education is to make men simply more efficient in destruction without removing those tendencies which make war possible, then we need to change our method of education. I want to say to you men, a half regiment as you are, drafted from all parts of the world, that the highest office of the engineer is to

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THE TECH'S DINNER TO THE FRESHMEN.

One hundred and forty men had a very enjoyable evening at Tech Union last night at the dinner given under the auspices of THE TECH. President Pritchett was introduced as the first speaker by Mr. Lombard, the toastmaster. The President urged the men to use the Tech Union as a general meeting place for social gatherings, and proceeded to tell of the great part the Unions played in student life at the Universities of Scotland. He suggested that we pattern them in having debates at our Union. M. A. Coe sketched the growth of *Technique* from the pamphlet to the present volume with the growth of Technology, and pointed out that it was not only the Junior's book, but the common book of all the classes. Dean Burton was next called upon and in his genial way spoke of the "traditions" of Technology. J. T. Lawton spoke as representative of the musical clubs and was followed by the Bursar, Mr. Rand, who seems to have lost none of his sparkling wit and humor. W. Green spoke on "Settlement Work," and C. T. Bartlett on the purposes and aims of the new triweekly TECH.

Tech Christian Association.

The Tech Christian Association have already started the year's work, having established in Rogers Corridor, for the benefit of new students, a bureau of information at which, information about good lodging places, the hours for consultation of the professors, and general Institute affairs may be found. They will hold in the Tech Union, on Friday, September 30 at 8 p.m. a reception to which all new students are cordially invited. The following will speak: President Henry S. Pritchett, B. E. Lindsly, captain of the Track Team; M. A. Coe, editor-in-chief '06 *Technique*; M. T. Lightner, president Tech Y. M. C. A., and Mr. John H. Denison of the Central Congregational Church.