Final Action on Alliance

President Pritchett Makes Statement of the Final Action Taken by the Corporation on the Proposed Alliance with Harvard. Urges Hearty Co-operation in the Future Upbuilding of Technology.

The following is the statement to the Alumni and Former Students submitted by President Pritchett:

To Alumni and Former Students:

At a meeting of the Corporation of the Institute held on October 11 a report was received from the Executive Committee of the Corporation that in the view of the Executive Committee the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts relative to the land on Roynton Street made it impossible for the Institute to take further steps in the plan of co-operation with Harvard University which has been under consideration the past year.

The Institute, therefore, has been authorized by the Corporation thereupon adopted a resolution instructing the Executive Committee to notify the authorities of Harvard University that the Institute found itself unable to proceed with the plan of co-operation, and to express at the same time the appreciation of the Corporation for the fairness and courtesy with which the authorities of Harvard had joined in this common effort to solve a difficult question.

The Corporation further authorized the President to communicate this result to the Alumni, Faculty, and friends of the Institute, and to invite their hearty co-operation in the future upbuilding of the Institute.

This decision disposes not only of the matter of an alliance, but also, for some time to come, at least, of the question of a site, so clear that the Institute’s home must continue to be, for a number of years, in its present location. Added building and buildings as may be found necessary and practicable. With these questions settled it is essential to the duty of each man, of each friend of the Institute, to go heartily and enthusiastically at the problems which lie immediately and clearly before us, with the ambition to make the Institute the most efficient means possible for ministering to the intellectual, moral, and social life of its students.

The plans upon which we have hitherto depended are now out of the way. Let us now pull together for the solution of our common problems. Some of these problems need to be attacked at once. Outside of the question of increased endowment, which is most pressing, additional land ought to be secured as soon as possible; a site for the Walker Memorial Building must be selected and the building started as promptly as possible; and an additional building such as a chemical laboratory and the erection of one or two modest dormitories on our land in Brookline adjoining the athletic field would serve a great need in the student life.

To the solution of these pressing and specific problems the Corporation asks your heartfelt support and assistance.

Henry S. Pritchett.