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"If you do not obtain a good, sound knowledge now you are doomed to failure in the future. Take your studies at Tech seriously. Do not be fooled by stories of men who succeeded without an education. These were only exceptional men. The men you will have to deal with will be men equally well equipped as yourself. You must at least be equal to these.

"You will enter a profession where sound knowledge is needed. This will be more urgent in the future than in the past. It has been said that God is not particular in giving to his favorite children an education, for it is believed that a man with ability will succeed in spite of all obstacles. The difference between a man who has scientific knowledge and the man who has not is well expressed in the words of an old Scotch merchant. It is the difference between the rough and tumble, kick with the heel, butt with the head, nigger fight, and the dodge and keep your wind until you see an opening to get in and hit your opponent in the solar-plexus tactics.

"You must keep your muscle hard. This means the absolute importance of taking your studies seriously. You cannot tell today what knowledge will be required ten years hence.

"But there are other things than knowledge. Some men with knowledge fail bitterly because all their natural power has been squeezed out of them in the acquirement of their knowledge. To put it pointedly they have no tact. You must not take yourselves too seriously. There are good reasons for not confining yourself too much to scientific studies. The best and most effective way of learning tact is by mingling with your fellow students. Here you have all the elements of a useful social life. You have all the elements of a cosmopolitan life. Technology has a world wide reputation and men come here from all over the globe. Failure punishes not quite so severely here as in later life. You come here at the most critical periods of your life.

"I should like to see better physical conditions too. I should like to see more chance for manly sports to brace you physically and morally. What we need is a new site where conditions will not be so crowded, where there will be a chance to develop morally, mentally and physically. It should be our policy not only to turn out skilled engineers, but to teach men to be big hearted, sympathetic and broad principled. I trust I will not acquire the reputation of following an acting president by a talking one. No educational degree fulfills its final purposes unless it has trained its men to faithfully carry out all duties put upon them, unless it has taught implicit loyalty to every institution, public or private, with which men is connected. This institution has acquired a great reputation for loyalty. I should like to have every student take a share in this loyalty by asking you to improve in every possible way the conditions in social life and other matters pertaining to student welfare."

After the applause had died away President Noyes announced that the convocation was at an end, and requested that the house remain seated while the faculty filed out. J. R. Critchett 1909, led cheers while this operation was being performed.

Just preceding the convocation a picture was taken of Prof. Maclaurin, the faculty of the Institute and a portion of the student body on Rogers steps.

Before President Noyes and Prof. Maclaurin appeared, Pres. J. R. Critchett, of the Institute Committee, read a set of resolutions thanking all those who have lent their aid in the establishment of the new Union. These resolutions were approved by the student body and are identical with those published in the last edition of The Tech, under the president's report.

A meeting of the Catholic Club was held last evening in 16 Rogers. Dr. Goldstein spoke on Socialism, impressing upon his audience the incompatibility of the socialistic principles and Catholic beliefs.

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