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the young man's mind and habits of thought are still in the plastic, formative state, and that the acquirement of culture is essentially a gradual process which can be imparted, however, more and more successfully the older the student has become. Correspondingly, it is, I believe, the desire of our Faculty to introduce general studies more and more into the higher rather than the lower years of our courses.

2. The Institute lays, moreover, especial emphasis on work in the exact sciences. For training in scientific method and acquirement of the scientific spirit is considered to be not only an essential to professional success, but as an important element in culture and in life.

3. It has developed in an usual degree conditions of personal contact between instructor and students, through the fact that most of its instruction is given to small sections of students or to individuals in the laboratories and drawing rooms or in the conferences recently introduced in first and second year subjects.

Its courses differ from those of many colleges in that electives are introduced to a much less extent, in the belief that better results are obtained by prescribing, after the student has selected the profession for which he desires to prepare himself, the principal studies which he is to pursue. He is given, however, the choice between groups of optional studies relating to different branches of his profession and between a variety of electives in the group of general studies. We do not consider it well to give suddenly unlimited freedom in the choice of their studies to boys who have previously been accustomed to a definite curriculum in the secondary schools, which is, by the way, prescribed in large measure through their entrance requirements by the colleges themselves; for we believe that such freedom often results in superficiality rather than in soundness of training and narrowness rather than breadth. Freedom of choice should rather be gradually increased, becoming greater in the higher years of the student's career.

5. There have been developed at the Institute sounder conditions of student life and a more duly proportioned division of time and interest between the social and athletic activities of students and their studies than prevails at many colleges. While the Faculty has welcomed the great development of student life which has taken place in the past few years, it demands of its regular students a standard of scholarship which is inconsistent with an excessive devotion to such pursuits and with undue subordination of the intellectual to the physical and social interests.

6. Finally, the Institute aims to contribute to the future advance of all the various branches of science and engineering the development of courses of advanced study and research, through original investigations carried on in its laboratories, and through the participation of its staff as experts in industrial and engineering undertakings.

These then, Professor Maclaurin, are the more important educational ideals which are embodied at the present time in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. We know that you are in full sympathy with these ideals; and we are confident that you will be able to secure their fuller realization, aided as you will be by the cordial support of all those who are in any way related to the Institute.

In closing, I therefore congratulate you on the splendid opportunity which is to come to you as president of this Institute, and I congratulate this Institute upon having secured so competent a leader.

SOCIETY OF ARTS

Dr. Bell Speaks on Illumination And its Development

Dr. Louis Bell, the eminent illuminating engineer of Boston, gave an interesting talk last night in Huntington Hall, before the Society of Arts, on the subject of "Illumination and Illuminants." The talk was illustrated by pictures of lighting arrangements in foreign cities and by the different incandescent and arc lights in use at the present time.

Dr. Bell spoke of the development of artificial lighting from the candle of the Elizabethan age to the incandescent lamp of the present time.

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