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The Tech believes the following letter by C. E. A. Winslow of the Biological Department appearing in Science of February 20, to be worthy the attention of all Tech men.

To the Editor of Science: I note in Science of January 29 a quotation from a Boston newspaper in regard to Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and it seems desirable that certain erroneous impressions conveyed thereby should be corrected.

"The important misconception in the article is implied in the statement: "It seems probable that the taking from the Institute by Harvard of two of its leading professors will bring up again the question of a consolidation or an alliance between these two educational institutions." This is not only not probable; it is entirely unhitable, as those acquainted with the true condition. The opposition of the faculty and alumni of the Institute to the plan is based on good and substantial reasons, which are not generally understood and respected to be questioned alone.

The Technology faculty and alumni did not oppose the proposed alliance from mere pride in the achievements of the institution, but from a deep fear that it would lower its individual reputation. They simply recognized that Harvard and Technology represent different but indispensable educational ideals. Harvard's ideal is that of great non-scientific school following a college course based on the elective system. This, so far as engineering goes, is an interesting and promising experiment and one to which Technology can cheerfully contribute two of her foremost professors. Technology herself, however, stands for a different ideal, for a combination, from the beginning, of a broad scientific training with the elements of liberal culture, in a few years' course shored along the lines of a carefully balanced group system of studies. This ideal has not been fully realized; faults are ever and yet the influence and question which would have repelled the world of higher education, the trend of which the "Tehnical" has actually accomplished stands out at one of the clear and positive achievements of the last half century.

I almost apologize for calling attention to another sentence in the quotation.

"To the Institute, on the other hand, is boundlessly by an improper location and monopolistic hands to compete successively against Harvard.

"The readers of Science ought to be assured that while Technology today and would gladly receive gifts for its growing work. It has so far been able to make both ends meet without serious difficulties. The new President, Professor Marsh, experimented in education on these continents, comes to the Institute with complete enthusiasm for its special ideals. A body of eight thousand students and post-graduate study for his homelab. The Institute is not contemplating a move from its present location, which it will soon outgrow, to a new and ample one where a group of buildings worthy of its dignity will be erected. "The Old Technology, with its old traditions and its old ideals, new built on a new site," as Professor President Noyes recently phrased it, will not "compete against Harvard," but we will remain the University of Applied Science as a worthy ally in the great war against ignorance that we are all waging together."

C. E. A. WINELOW

"Tech never waste too much time studying." It sounds well in theory, but it doesn't work out in practice.

Litchfield on Trip

I. W. Litchfield, editor of the Technology Review, has been making an extended trip through the middle west visiting the several alumni meetings recently held. Mr. Litchfield spoke at meetings of the Pittsburg, Washington, Chicago and Detroit alumni. He will return to Boston on Monday.

Lowell Lectures

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