COMMUNICATION

(Continued from column 1.)

It is to be hoped that the Class of 1912 as a whole will take an active interest in the question which was submitted by the Institute—that of the formation of an honorary organization similar to the Phi Beta Kappa. Technology is in some ways very conservative as compared with many other large schools and colleges. This is partly due to necessity and partly to a wise choice, but often, largely, it is an unfortunate indifference.

There seems to be no serious arguments against the establishment here of a chapter of the Sigma Xi or Tau Beta Pi, and plenty in its favor. It is a certainty that better work is always done if there is a little extra incentive in the form of a prize. Very few extra incentives are to be found throughout the courses of the Institute, and the placing of such a one before the student body would, no doubt, make many of the hard places stem easier and more definitely worth while.

This scheme should appeal especially to those who are not fraternity men, for membership in organizations of this nature gives one some of the advantages of the secret fraternity with none of the disadvantages.

There are, of course, possibilities of unfriendly rivalry and for some hard feeling over the selection of the successful candidates, but surely Tech men have been real men long enough to accept such a scheme in the right spirit. Unless, then, this unfortunate indifference takes hold of the Class of 1912, there should be no reason why the scheme could not be carried out.

The nominations will remain open until Saturday, December 9th, at 6 o'clock.

(Signed) H. E. Kebbon.

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