ECONOMICS CLUB
New Name Adopted In Order To Avoid Confusion With Department.

The Economics Club met in a spirited session yesterday afternoon. It voted in favor of the facts which the President laid before the members that the name be changed from Economics Club to M. I. T. Forum.

The original proposal was that the name change be made. It was also voted that the matter receive still further consideration. The final vote showed that the majority were in favor not only of the name adopted, but of an immediate change as opposed to a delay.

The discussion occupied the greater part of the hour. It was felt by some that the new name ought to be almost exactly indicative of the nature of the organization, and these felt that the rest into an inconspicuous expression of their views. The details of the meeting seemed to be that the purpose of the Club was to interest Institute men, not alone in Socialism but in all of the large economic and social questions which would prove engaging to the thought of a broad-minded man. The emphasis was laid on the fact that the new name was no indication of the current atmosphere which Tech presented, and that in work in cultural subjects should not attempt to do much on a large scale, but should confine itself to the amount of activity which can be well and efficiently carried out.

The name, Forum, was felt to correspond more closely to the idea of the organization so that no great misinterpretation was likely to arise. The continued use of it and its same time to be so broad as to afford considerable intellectual play in the choice of topics for consideration.

At the close of the business meeting President Kuttler read and commented upon an article which had been clipped from a Boston Transcript of recent date. The article was a review of the recent election results in New York City, with particular reference to the growth of the Socialist vote. It emphasized many of the points that the number of "intellectuals" in the Socialist ranks is constantly increasing, and that this increase, as well as that in the total number of Socialist voters, is largely due to the indifference or ignorance of the older parties concerning the economic significance of the Socialist party—an ignorance which loses for those guilty of it the respect of many thoughtful workers in the cause.

The next meeting—or rather, the first meeting—of the Forum will probably be addressed by some outside speaker. Several of these are now under consideration, and an announcement will be published in THE TECH.

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