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The fact that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is an international Institution is shown by the large percentage of foreign students yearly registered. Also, the Faculty is dependent upon international cooperation for the achievement of the highest results in each particular field of endeavor, since every science taught has been built up by the cumulative services of men in every nation in the successive ages. The Institute at present maintains some courses of instruction that stimulate interest in international relations and tends to develop a more intelligent public opinion concerning human fraternity and the solidarity and unity of all social interest.

The rapid financial and educational progress of the republics south of the Rio Grande have instructing staffs sent to the United States to stop and consider. American business men are seeking the market of these nations. Americans young foresaw a business or professional future in Spanish America. It is probable that the history course under discussion would materially advance the progress of the Republics south of the Rio Grande. It has been pointed out, for instance, that a course in the Spanish language was added to its curriculum; but we must give it credit for the establishment of a special course in English for its foreign students. The need of knowledge of the history of Latin America is felt strongly throughout the educated world. Already several American colleges have added a course in it to their curricula.

I think the time has come for the student body to consider the benefits of the addition of such a course to the list of General Studies in the third year, and for the Faculty to study the possibilities of introducing such a course in 1914-1915 if the Institute is to lead all other colleges in the progress towards education. I should be very glad to hear different opinions in regard to this course from the graduate and undergraduate members of the Institute as well as from the instructors through the columns of this paper.

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