Mr. R. F. Coburn Will Take the
Maxwell Car from Ore to
Finished Product.

The manufacture of the automobile
from the ore to the finished product
will be described with moving pic-
tures at the Mechanical Engineer-
ning Society Tuesday afternoon at
4 o'clock, in Huntington Hall. Mr.
Ralph Franklin Coburn will give the
lecture. A profitable lecture he will
describe is the Maxwell.

Mr. Coburn is now making a tour of
this part of the country and the
Society feels that they are extreme-
ly fortunate in being able to get
him to give them a little of his time.
All the processes in the manufacture
of this car and the methods involved
will be explained and illustrated. Not
the least interesting will be the de-
scription of the production of the
engines, which often times becomes a
very hazardous undertaking. The talk
is expected to last about one hour
and all those who are interested are invited to attend.
An excellent idea of modern engineering practice and up-to-date auto construc-
tion can be obtained.

COMMUNICATION

The anonymous writer of the com-
munication in yesterday's issue of
THE TECH seems to have paid at
least as much attention to the busi-
ness of the Institute Committee as he accused the
Committee of doing. In spite of the
obvious injustice of the attack and
in spite of the fact that many might consider the whole matter too
"playful" to reply to it seems to me
that it is well to place the matter before the student body from
the point of view of one who took an
active interest in the meeting.

In the first place the question was
brought up in meeting as to whether
the temporary officers should be
given a point system rating. If "Visitor"
held no positions in activities that
he had no active interest in the meeting.

THE TECH seems to have paid as
little attention to this as to the
question of non-attendance. It is
expected to last about one hour
and a half and all those who are
present. This question of non-
attendance should be remedied.

As to the deplorable tendency to
establish precedents, this tendency
was only evidenced in one case, that
of the election of temporary officers,
where there was a substitute present.
It was suggested that since it has
been the custom for so many years
to have the Junior president take
charge of the first Freshman meeting
and instruct the new men in the
ways of conducting themselves on
Field Day, etc., it would be a very
good plan to continue this a little further
by giving him the authority as their
temporary leader. The duties of the
temporary president last only four or
five weeks, are really only advisory
and it seems logical that a man who
has served as president of his class
should be just the man to fill the
place. Again it was suggested
that the men who had been man-
ger of their class teams might be
the best to be the temporary man-
ger of the respective teams. This,
however, did not meet with the ap-
proval of the Committee except in
the case of the football manager.
It was thought that it would be a good
plan to elect the past football man-
ger since by the first of May it
would be late to get names for the
next fall. Work must be started on
making out a football schedule in the
early spring at the latest and so the
election of the past manager was con-
sidered a good precedent to set.

Are these precedents dangerous, or
is the tendency to establish them de-
plorable? I think not. At any rate
they are established and I hope that
they will be continued.

The Institute Committee is a fine
thing, not only in theory but in prac-
tice. It has accomplished many great
things in the past and it will be con-
sidered. It is a body unique in the
field of student governing boards, for
it has absolute power which it wields most wisely and effectively
and is looked upon with respect by
almost every undergraduate and by
every loyal Technology man. The
excellent condition of student activ-
ities at the Institute is due to the
Committee and the system here is
being copied by other colleges
throughout the country. I feel, and
I think I know the conditions, that
there is no single body that does
more to better undergraduate and so-
cial conditions, to stimulate interest
in activities and to make us all bet-
ter Technology men, than does the
Institute Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Alden H. Waitt.

MUSICAL CLUB'S BANQUET

The Musical Club's Banquet that
was to be held tonight has been
designated to next Wednesday, the
sixth.

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