COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of The Tech:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Alumni Committee on dormitories. I wish you would publish it and invite communications concerning the government of the dormitories.

The Institute Committee desires to express, as near as possible, the sentiment of the entire student body in its reply to the letter. To do so it is necessary to have the co-operation of the students. Any ideas concerning the government of the dormitories expressed in communications to The Tech or in letters to the Institute Committee will be appreciated.

W. J. FARTHING,

President, East Conn.

Nov. 26, 1915.

Mr. W. J. Fartthing, Jr.,
Institute Committee,
Mass. Institute of Technology,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

On the new site a space has been tentatively allotted for dormitories. This space is in the southeastern quarter of the site with a considerable frontage on the Esplanade. It is proposed when the funds may be available to build dormitories to accommodate up to about 2000 students. The Walker Memorial building will occupy a central position on the Esplanade in or near the dormitory section and, aside from being the center for all student "activities," will provide the "lounge" and perhaps, the dining facilities for those who live in the dormitories.

Through the generosity of friends of the Institute, funds are available for making a start upon the dormitory system and the erection has begun of a building to accommodate about 200 students. It will occupy a space in the very eastern portion of the new site and incidentally serve as a setting to the President's house, which two loyal alumni are presenting to the Institute.

The Institute has never had experience with dormitories and this building being started, many questions arise that it is desired to solve in a way which will conform to the fundamental policies of the Institute and benefit to the greatest degree the educational and social life of the entire student body.

At a recent meeting of the Alumni Committee the undersigned were appointed to investigate certain questions relating to the administration of the dormitories. In this connection the undersigned would like to get the undergraduate's point of view in regard to the matter of dormitory supervision, and would ask the Institute Committee, as the representative of the undergraduates, to define that opinion.

By supervision, we refer to the system of government or discipline and the maintenance of order. In some colleges this is accomplished (a) wholly by a supervisor or proctor in each dormitory, appointed by the college. Such a supervisor is usually an instructor or a postgraduate student. Other institutions leave this supervision (b) entirely

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