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A TRADITION UPHOLD.

The confidence which the undergraduates seem to have had in the judgment of the Institute Committee in recommending to the Alumni Council a suitable form of dormitory administration proved to be amply well placed. The proposed plan, which was adopted at the meeting of December 21, 1915, and which is now before the Alumni Council, gives evidence of the most careful consideration on the part of those who drew it up. To many it was perhaps surprising that so complete and detailed a scheme could have been worked out by men who have had little or no experience with dormitories; and, indeed, it was not so much their knowledge of Tech men, derived indeed, it was not so much their knowledge of Tech men, derived

commence of the most careful consideration on the part of those who drew it up. To many it was perhaps surprising that so complete and detailed a scheme could have been worked out by men who have had little or no experience with dormitories; and, indeed, it was not so much their knowledge of dormitories as their knowledge of Tech men, derived partly from the Summer Camp, that equipped them with the authority to make so definite a recommendation.

Whether the Alumni Council decide to carry out the recommendation to the letter, is of minor importance. Of major importance is the underlying principle that the administration shall be left wholly in the hands of the students. This is the principle which has been applied at the summer camp. It is the principle which has been applied at the Institute, it is the principle that has been the chief factor in enabling Technology to turn out responsible men rather than educated boys. The Alumni Council will not only be serving Technology in applying this principle to the new dormitories, but it will be serving the cause of democracy as taught to American citizens in American colleges.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Tech:

As the opinion of the student body was called for in regard to the great increase of the proposed Technology dormitories, I wish to offer these suggestions:

1. A Paritital committee composed of members of the Faculty shall look after the maintenance of the buildings and shall have the power to set penalties for such acts as may be detrimental to the reputation of the dormitories and of the Institute.

2. There shall be a number of proctors, also members of the Faculty, who shall reside in the dormitories and have the power to deal with students for such minor offences as do not require the judgment of the Parital committee. They may also at their own discretion report any resident of the dormitories to the Parital committee for breaking of dormitory rules.

3. A house representative for each section, preferably a student who has resided in the dormitories for a number of years, shall each year be elected by the students in each separate section. He shall have the power to report students to the proctors, maintain order in his section, and report any necessary repairing or necessity for his section.

These suggestions are based on three years' residence in one of the largest systems of college dormitories in the States.

L. L. WISNEW.

NEW CATALOGUE

Records Show Increase Over Last Year's Registration.

The catalogue for the year 1915-16, sets forth the number of students at the Institute at 1900. This shows an increase of 88 over the registration of a year ago, and keeps up the almost unbroken record for increase that the Institute has maintained almost every year since it started. Following is the list in detail in comparison with that of a year ago:

1914-15 1915-16

President... 4 4
Non-resident fellows 1 1
Candidates for Dr. of Engineering 2 5
Candidates for Dr. of Philosophy 6 10
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