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Delinquent lists posted for the week of the general publie have been one of the official means of en-forcing public sentiment, which has even now been discovered. We hope that this time honored club will lose none of its strength through the procrastina-
tion of class treasurers. One list, which is just now posted, has been temporarily removed, but as far as we can see the other has not apparently
been increased. If the members of the freshmen class will please pay their delinquent bills on not only will they assist in the speed of this
issue but they will not be noticed in the space allotted in the Union for that purpose.

"Technology" instead of "Kendall" is the official name for the Cambridge subway station at the new University Avenue line. There is no state of affairs it would be proper inde-
ted that all persons headed for the new
buildings via the Cambridge subway should have as their destination "Technology." The naming of public utilities after editors or people is in the nature of praise, and the long-standing reputation of Technology is satisfactory in the light of the idea. We suggest that those connected or inter-
terested in the Institute management, as directed by the Men Higher Up, and no one else has been encouraged to comment or criticize.

Technology, while they may have felt that they did not get from us all that could be desired, were comfort-
able, and everything was "smoother and prettier.

Now, how do these upstart reformers insist that we ought to bring about this state of affairs and even get some life and personality into it. Life for their hearts! If these men are capable of doing either we will be getting our "smoother and prettier fifty times as much respect as we do now.

The trouble with our higher edu-
cation is, not that the professors do not do their work, but that the whole system is on a charitable basis, and beggars cannot be choosers. Why, even if we do have flashes of modernity, can we be expected to give them expression with the example of Prof. Scott Nearling as fresh in our

 minds? At convocations, for instance, we hear stereotyped addresses on eminently respectable subjects, but now many vital, living issues do we hear discussed in Huntington Hall? The fault is not with the men, but with the System.

So I hope that, if we must listen to the moral rantings of this Lounger, that the Editor will use his guiding influence to direct his attacks away from us helpless pawns and into a direction where they may find a free
man worthy of their attention.

Yours for Justice,

F. H. Cook, '17

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Tech:

At the last meeting of the Institute Committee the Honor System was suggested as the official name for the Honor System of conducting examinations. It was suggested that an expression of consent be obtained from the student body. To date no communica-
tions have appeared, but it is hoped that the whole matter will be thoroughly thrashed out before long.

The Honor System of conducting ex-
aminations is by no means a new idea. Originating years ago in the University of Virginia, it has spread to schools in all parts of the country. Thus we find it used in Princeton, Williams, Colgate, etc.

There are different kinds of Honor Systems: some that we might call the different ways of applying the Honor System. It was my privilege to student entered an examination room, took a paper and select a subject. The student was free to move about as he chose until the prescribed hour of closing. At that time, he signed a slip stating that he had neither received nor given any form of assistance. I can recall only one case where any violation of the pledge. The student: honor council made a quiet investigation and then requested him to leave.

The main idea of the Honor System is to place in the hands of the student body the control of conduct in examinations. The question which now confronts us is not "Is the Honor System successful?" (This has already been answered) but "Do we want the Honor System on Tech?" The men capable of managing the Honor System? Now at once the question arises "What good would the System do if we had the proper men to handle it"? In replying to this it is difficult to give only material reasons. It is as though someone should want to know the reasons for trying to improve the morals of a community, or for pursuing any work along the lines of human betterment.

The really good things of life are not to be measured in dollars. Even a Tech man must come to realize that his future happiness depends largely on influence outside of the immediate sphere of family. Hence it must be made very clear that one of the most beneficial advantages in favor of the Honor System is the fact that it will place in the hands of the student body a responsibility in the proper discharging of which there will be a genuine satisfaction and real moral benefit.

It is imperative that the committee appointed to investigate the Honor System must not be left for the Institute Committee to settle unsolved.

Never in the history of the Institute there has been a more propitious op-
portunity for the introduction of the Honor System. Her magnificent new buildings and equipment, her intellectual faculty; her renowned body of alumni—all these are holding Tech prominently in the public eye as the greatest engineering school in the country. But what shall we say of your student body? Ask the average Tech man whether there is such a thing as Tech spirit. Ask him what is the Honor System? It is very likely that he will not have thought about either of these subjects, but that he is not interested. Just to prove this assertion he is going to venture that, without personal solicita-
tion, the Tech will obtain half a dozen communications concerning the Honor System; that the matter should be of interest to every Tech man.

However, and this is what we consider the real point: the fact that there has been a lack of a Tech spirit in the past is no excuse for the future. We must have more worldliness; more influence; more occasions of

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