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### RESEARCH MINUS.

THE address of Dr. Hale at the convocation Monday noon vividly impressed every person in the audience with the importance of the position that scientific research now occupies in our industrial life. The appreciation of the scientific man and the scientific method by the lay public reaches today to a higher level than ever before. And while it is undeniably true that this exalted position is due largely to the hardest and most painstaking altruistic efforts, extending in many cases over a period of years, it is both depressing and discouraging, particularly for young men, to realize that, not only have the best scientific brains been prostituted to render the European war the most stupendous and terrible in all history, but that the present day lay interest in scientific matters has its stimulus in no small measure to the results scientific men and affairs have achieved in the Great War itself.

### NEXT FRIDAY.

ON Friday night the Institute Committee, in co-operation with the Technology Christian Association, will initiate an event which should prove acceptable and most agreeable to the entire undergraduate body. The plan of utilizing an All Technology Court Night, immediately following a special freshman meeting, to welcome the freshmen and the newcomers from other schools into the student body of Technology, combined with an opportunity of hearing President Maclaurin speak to the undergraduates, will be a pleasure and an enjoyment and can go, moreover, a long way toward establishing a permanent method of induction of the incoming classes from year to year.

### SUCCESS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

THE Technology Branch has shown a large measure of the initiative and industry which have directed its inception, in being ready to conduct sales on the opening of exercises. Laboring under the disadvantage of a building scarcely completed above the first floor, they have managed to receive the inevitable crowd of text-book seekers with remarkably little inconvenience to the students. The large number of Technology members already buying at the Co-operative augurs well for the success and expansion of the Technology man's department store.

### ATHLETIC FUND.

THE work of raising money for athletics has been progressing very well. Taking place in the midst of the confusion incident to registration, however, the canvass is by no means complete. Tomorrow will see the start of the systematic campaign to have a button on every man at the Institute.

### DR. HALE SPEAKS

President Maclaurin Also at Convocation Monday.

At the Convocation Monday, President Maclaurin introduced Dr. George E. Hale, '90, a graduate of Course VIII and a man prominent in astronomy, who spoke to the members of the incoming class on the importance of research work. As he had just returned from a trip abroad, he was able to give first hand an account of the part science is playing in the war. In both France and England, the leading mathematicians, astronomers, chemists and physicians have offered their services and are striving through research work to solve the problems of the war. Dr. Hale spoke also of the work of the men whose names are inscribed on the walls of these buildings and of the practical results arising from their pure research.

### TECH BUTTONS

The importance of wearing the official Tech Button cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of the incoming Freshmen as well as of all upper class men. In a college like Technology, where its students are distributed over a large territory and where they are unable to get together as much as is possible in some schools where dormitories are provided for nearly the whole student body, it is sometimes a difficult matter for the men to become acquainted and still more difficult to recognize men in the same school, unless they wear some distinctive emblem.

The Tech button is our only official emblem, and is worn by Alumni as well as undergraduates so that it is really a

bond that links all men of Technology wherever they may meet. They may be obtained at the Bursar's Office for twenty-five cents.

### WHOLESALE CO-OP RATES

Institute Organizations Allowed Discount

Purchasing agents for fraternities, societies and athletic teams can have purchases arranged for them on a wholesale basis by the Technology Branch. It is understood, however, that these purchases are not for members personally. The rate is based on the fact that all deductions are made at the beginning, or when the order is given, and not at the end. These purchases do not participate in dividends. It is not necessary for the purchasing agents to procure membership tickets for the Co-op but merely to identify themselves, when making a purchase as the authorized buyer for the organization represented.

### COTS TO BE SOLD

The double deck cots in the temporary dormitories will be sold as soon as available, as they are not a part of the permanent dormitory equipment. Some of them will be available immediately and the rest on the completion of the dormitory building. These cots are of the highest grade and would cost a hospital, for instance, fourteen dollars each if bought by the thousand. They will be sold, however, at seven dollars and one-half each. Fraternities or societies desiring to buy them may make application by letter to Major Cole. Deliveries will be made as soon as possible in the Institute trucks, the usual charge for delivery being made.

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It will be remembered by all readers of The Tech how upset The Lounger was on his appearance in the last issue. He was actually beside himself for the time being, and quite inverted with horror at a tale that had just come to his ear. At the time he felt too topsy-turvy to give the awful story calm mention: it is only now after the deadening lapse of time, that he can bear to speak of it. The matter, in substance, is thus: It appears that a Tech student, just starting his third freshman year, is also a driver at the Institute taxi-stand. This worthy hight, or is highted, by the euphonious name of Oswald Bawljelly; and his most recent escapade bears out well the message carried in this illuminating cognomen. For in the dusky eve of Thursday last he tried to combine a joy-ride with what, considering his circumstances, should have been strictly business. Alas! while tacking through a suburb at fifty knots he was brought to a halt, and haled by the arm of the law to a cell in the plumbing division of the county stable, which happened to be the nearest public building available. At three A. M., after due meditation upon his skid from the rocky path of piety, he was rescued through the financial appeal of a friend who in times of peace and plenty shares his humble abode. The Lounger trusts that students and professors will take to heart this and other lessons of the kind, and that he will not be obliged to lend a shocked ear to the tale of the Prodigal Chauffeur on another occasion.

### REUNION ISSUES.

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cartoon illustrating the most original and important stunts. Herein also appeared the description of the Tuesday performance of the Pageant. The feature of the Thursday issue was the story of the great telephone banquet, the news of which was given exclusively to The Tech by arrangement with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, who installed a special wire in the office with a set of six receivers. In connection with this issue appeared also a Historical Supplement, containing many articles of value in connection with the past history of the Institute.

A set of these five issues may be ordered at the office of The Tech, Room 1-075, anytime this week. The price of the set is twenty-five cents.

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