THE ENGIN EER’S ENGLISH.

We print in the columns of today’s issue a letter addressed to one of the Institute faculty by Albert G. Davis, ’95, chief of the Patent Law Department of the General Electric Company. His chief concern was the inutility of being trained to express oneself in low English. The question discussed horrified him. He thought that late has occupied the attention of men in the engineering profession. Two years ago when the Curriculum Committee set the ball rolling in regard to training engineers throughout the country for the purpose of obtaining statistics concerning the shortcomings of technical education in the United States the response indicated an overwhelming opinion that the engineering graduate was deficient in the art of self-expression. The common experience of the first generation of technically trained men has resulted in a universally recognized demand for more thorough education in English. As an example of this point of view mention may be made to a book of miscellaneous addresses to engineering students, edited by Waddell and Harrington. This book lists in the index fourteen references to Mathematics; they do believe, however, that the needs of the student have not been so well met in the subject of English as in those of scientific nature.

Technological institutions everywhere have felt the demand for a more complete training in English. Lehigh University now recognizes English throughout the four years of undergraduate study. Even our own Institute has seen fit to promulgate its crystallized policy of giving proper attention to the technical instruction, has made many changes and additions to its curriculum.

Agitation on the subject continues. The fact that the issue is alive demands for it discussion and consideration; and it is plainly the duty of the engineering schools, if they are to fulfill the faculty and alumni, to indicate their opinion in regard to the matter. The most practical solution of this vital problem will react in no small way on the future comparative standing of an engineering school like ours.

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COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

On Friday, October 27, Harvard and Technology meet in a dead much under and the chance of Technology winning the game is rather less than zero. How to do this, however, we must increase our strength in the weight and field events.

This is not an impossibility for at the present time there are men at the school experienced in the weight and field events, and if they were used to the track, would add to this duty.

Furthermore, under our prorogation, the team is still in good condition, being incomparable by teaming in the field events.

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