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THE OPEN MIND

BECAUSE of the lack of a suitable place in which interesting speakers may talk to undergraduate assemblages on matters of current importance, both the Technology Christian Association and the Forum have been hampered this Fall in this all-important branch of their work. The Forum recently has had the temerity to ask that eminent Belgian statesman, Senator Henri La Fontaine, to speak this noon in room 2-190—the lecture room at the extreme right hand of the entrance to the Great Court.

The average Tech man hears many slams at his lack of breadth. Certainly most of these have so narrow a foundation that they fall of their own accord. There is, to be sure, a noticeable sentiment of intolerance here at Technology. We are good and we admit it. We are quite content with things as they are. Senator Lodge in his much-quoted speech at the Dedication last June sounded a warning against the man with the "closed mind." This is the type of man who is so consistent in his thoughts and his deeds that he never makes a mistake. Precedent and propriety govern his every action. This fellow is incapable of progressing further. He has reached his "ultima thule."

Undoubtedly most of us are not in sympathy with a pacifist move of any sort. In fact most of us have been converted within the brief space of two years into frank militarists. Surely every Technology graduate who makes the claim that he is still a student can afford the time to come around to 2-190 after lunch tomorrow noon and hear the views of that very distinguished economist, statesman and international peace expositor—Senator La Fontaine.

PRINCETON TOMORROW

WHILE Harvard stages the football contest with Princeton at the Stadium tomorrow afternoon, Technology will also gage its strength with a Nassau team. For the first time Technology meets the Princeton harriers. Ushered in under such favorable circumstances, we hope the result may be such that this cross-country meet will be made an annual affair.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

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The Institute Committee be given power to renew Coach Kanaly's contract for a period of three years. This was favorably acted upon. The committee on Tech Night promised a full report at the next meeting and stated that the present cash on hand amounts to approximately ninety dollars with a few small expenses unpaid.

The committee voted to alter Article IV, Section 5, so that it reads: "There shall be a Finance Committee which will consist of a chairman, who shall be a Senior elected by the Institute Committee, the treasurers of all the various classes and activities, and three Alumni members, the latter to be appointed by the Alumni Council subject to ratification by the Institute Committee. Any activity shall be fined fifty cents every time its treasurer is absent from a regular meeting of the Finance Committee." H. P. Eddy '17 was elected as chairman of this committee.

Mr. A. C. Cushman of the T. C. A. desired to enlist the backing of the Institute Committee in regard to a campaign for the relief of the prisoners in Europe. He stated that at the present time there are a million and a half prisoners in the various detention camps and that their condition was improved through assistance which they received from financial aid which enabled them to receive schooling and certain social privileges. Various colleges have taken the matter up and have raised large sums. The committee voted to lay the matter on the table.

The books "Concerning M. I. T." are to be revised, inasmuch as most of the material is now out of date, and as this work is to be begun immediately

it is desired to call the matter to the attention of the proper parties so that the present text may be corrected to date.

The matter of study rooms and general lounging rooms for the student body was brought up and the committee in charge of the matter reported that today the room in the Civil Engineering building, officially known as the Morgue, will be opened and placed at the disposal of the students. It is hoped that another room in the central building will also be used for the same purpose before long. The Institute Committee will meet at Notman's, 15 Park Street, Friday, Nov. 17, at 1.15 o'clock, to have the picture taken for 1918 Technique. The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock.

C. E. SOCIETY SMOKER

Student to Speak at Meeting Wednesday Evening

The next smoker of the Civil Engineering Society will be held at 8.00 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 15. The student speaker for the evening will be H. L. Rogers '17, who will address the Society on the "Engineering Exhibit at Plattsburg." The name of the main speaker at the smoker will be announced later in The Tech. Smokes and refreshments will be served.

A schedule of meetings and speakers for the season is now being made out, and an attempt will be made to have at least one student address the Society at each meeting. The next trip will probably be made to the plant of the Berger Instrument Co. within two weeks; and all members of the Society will be invited to go.



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LOUNGING ROOMS

Beginning today and during the remainder of the term room 1-190 will be used as a lounging room. The room will have chairs and a few tables and will be supplied with newspapers and periodicals. Monday half of the refrigeration room, room 3-115, will be open for the same purpose. From time to time there will be speakers in room 1-190 during the free hour.

The use of these two rooms for lounging purposes has been extended to the students through the courtesy of Professors Spofford and Miller. Room 1-190 is scheduled to be used for lectures and 3-115 for a laboratory, but the tabular views permit the substitution of other rooms for them during this term.

The officers of the Institute hope that the lounging rooms will do away with much of the smoking in the corridors. The Dean states that he has heard a number of complaints, especially from visitors, of the prevalence of smoking and the number of cigarette butts lying about the corridors.

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