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turn produced others of investigative bent."

Dr. Whitney pointed out that most, if not all, of what may be termed "foundation knowledge," whether for engineering or for the fine arts, has been produced by these well-trained, continually experimenting professors. The American conception of the inventor is largely wrong, and has been detrimental to educational advance. The inventor should teach, so that his spirit will animate others, and on the other hand there is danger in confining one's attention solely to teaching, or remaining inferior. The ideal teacher should investigate and thus be continually adding to the sum of human knowledge.

The discoveries that have revolutionized the world, the work of such investigators as Faraday, Pasteur, Hertz, Kelvin, Helmholtz and the Curies, were not the result of a flash of inspiration in the intervals between crowded lecture hours, but were in every case, the product of long continued pure scientific research. "Technology," said Dr. Whitney in closing, "turns out large numbers of first-class engineers, but very few of the inquisitive, optimistic searchers for new ideas in the infinite supply of Nature."

R. B. Price '94 on the War

Raymond B. Price '94, Vice-President of the United States Rubber Company and a former editor of The Tech, Volume XV, gave many of his impressions on the probable effect of the European War on American industries and foreign trade in the future. Mr. Price has recently returned from the war zone where he had every opportunity to observe conditions at first hand and gain the opinions of those directly in touch with the situation.

One of the ablest generals of the war, he said, told him that in his opinion the United States had not made

"the least progress in the last two years and a half in the way of preparedness," either in "guns or ships or trained men." Speaking of the British opinion of Americans, Mr. Price said that they thought of us as being "supremely selfish and simply sucking the lifeblood of friends in their hour of need." He stated that England intends to dominate the air as well as the sea in the future.

He pointed out the cooperation between trained scientific men abroad caused by the necessity of war and how it would inevitably be continued following the close of the conflict. This is practically unknown in America. When urging "motor ships" and the return of "American merchant marine to the seven seas," Mr. Price was loudly applauded.

President Hart Talks Millions

In accepting the presidency of the Alumni Association Francis R. Hart '89, who is also Treasurer of the Institute, gave some interesting figures connected with Technology since Doctor Maclaurin's inauguration in 1909. He said that at this date Technology had "total invested funds of two and a half millions and the familiar bricks and mortar on Boylston Street" and that now there are "\$7,848,000 and buildings worth a little over seven millions." He lauded Doctor Maclaurin for his earnestness and simplicity. Speaking of the recent sale of the Trinity Place buildings, those on Clarendon Street and the Mechanical Laboratories on Garrison Street, he said that "between twenty and twenty-five per cent of the property owners about their rights," and stated that this problem would soon solve itself. The "per capita yearly cost of each student, neglecting the interest on the buildings and equipment and the cost of upkeep on these, was in 1916 \$373, in 1908 \$379, and in 1909 \$393." The total gifts to Technology "since 1909 have been \$11,537,000, \$4,500,000 having come in since July 1, 1916."

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In calling attention to these approaching examinations in last Wednesday's issue of The Tech, it was inadvertently stated that they were for reserve officers. They are in fact appointments to the Regular Army in which at present there are many vacancies resulting from the Army Increase law passed last year.

These examinations for the Regular Service, although hard, should, according to Major Cole, present no difficulty to Technology men desiring to enter the service. All men desiring more information concerning these examinations and the commissions offered may telephone to Major Cole for an engagement to talk the matter over.



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