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MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1917.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT INQUIRY

TODAY the committee of five army officers will meet at the Institute to consider the possibility of including some of the regular courses as part of the five hours per week demanded by the Reserve Training Corps Law. The Engineers' Corps comes nearest to fulfilling the conditions. At present the Corps is recognized by the Government—but not officially. That the Corps is viewed as a competent unit among those of its class is assured, however, by the fact that the War Department has seen fit to give a complete equipment. And to obtain the benefits of compliance with the letter of the law, we entertain the belief that the committee will understand from the nature of the work already accomplished under Captain Downing's admirable command, that Technology thoroughly complies with the spirit of the law.

Conservative figures for the amount of time required for the accomplishment of work as set forth in the curriculum are thirty hours per week in classes and a range of from fifteen to twenty-five hours per week on home study. Since it is evidently impossible to give five hours to strictly military work, the natural method of dealing with the problem is to accredit such courses as are nominally a part of the army engineers' training. Major Cole, in a report to President Maclaurin suggests that under this head studies in electrical engineering, aero-dynamics, sanitary engineering, chemistry, mechanical engineering, and civil engineering might be allowed. The government acknowledges the worth of several of these courses in that each year two members of the Coast Artillery and officers of the Aviation Section are enrolled as students of Technology.

The very nature of the training that Technology gives to her graduates makes them of distinct value in the building of a reserve to secure adequate national defense. The desire to serve is instilled in the hearts of the men of Technology. Lack of time is the only preventative force now standing in the way of the undergraduates' willingness to perfect themselves to be of greater worth to the country. Technology is sincere in her desire to help build up a reserve. The Board of Inquiry will no doubt recognize the adaptability of the Institute to the accomplishment of results desired under the Reserve Corps Law. Favorable action is confidently expected.

With over five hundred a day out of the M. I. T.'s twelve thousand alumni answering the questionnaire recently issued through the alumni association bureau we have conclusive evidence of the readiness with which the former students answer the call for a rally to the Cardinal and the Gray.

Why do not the Musical and Glee Clubs interest themselves in the competitions of clubs from other colleges? Intercollegiate Glee Club contests are a yearly event and should have an attraction for Combined Clubs of the Institute. Surely our "musical engineers" are of an equal rank with the musicians in the other schools of higher education.

Are you in accord with the legislation and recent actions of President Wilson? If so, your signature should be appended immediately to the growing list on the bulletin by the Information Office.



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PETITION TO SENATE WAITS FOR MORE SIGNATURES

The message to the President and Senate, supporting the former's foreign policy, has not been removed from the main bulletin board in the lobby, where it was placed last Friday. One hundred eighty names have been appended to the document up to the present. Those backing the movement believe that many who would be willing to give support by signing have not done so because they were not appealed to personally, and that many more will sign in the next few days.

FRATERNITIES BOWL

Theta Delta Chi defeated Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi in a triangular bowling match last Friday evening in the Pavilion, capturing five out of the six points. Each team was composed of five men, who bowled five strings each. Delta Tau Delta won the first string, but this was the only point that they won. Sigma Chi failed to win a point. Young of Theta Delta Chi was high individual man, his highest string being 118. White of Delta Tau Delta was next with 114.

The lineup was as follows: Theta Delta Chi, A. E. Moody, C. Cochrane, I. W. Young, E. R. Harrall, G. A. Irwin; Delta Tau Delta, A. D. Barker, Dowland, I. B. McDaniel, C. W. Seranton and F. W. White; Sigma Chi, P. C. Leonard, F. B. Hastie, J. A. Clark, German, L. L. McGrady.

LAST T. C. A. TALK

Tu '17 and Ling '17 to Lecture on Possibilities in China

On Wednesday, March 14, Y. C. Tu '17 and H. C. Ling '17 will address the student body on the subject of "The Engineering Possibilities and Natural Resources in China." The talks are to be given at 4 o'clock in Room 4-370. Both of the men have studied up the subject and have given frequent lectures at various church brotherhoods in and around Boston.



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