OUR PROBLEM

The recent announcement that after December 15 further enlistments will be impossible and the approach of the second draft in its modified form have caused a wave of excitement in the undergraduate body, especially in the Senior class. The ever-present question is, "What shall I do?" Of course there is a somewhat selfish motive in this attitude, but that is but natural. On the whole, however, we believe that there are good reasons why they may serve best and that usually in that line of service for which they are prepared. Whether or not a man will be able to serve where he desires or if he does then at the Institute is something which cannot be stated offhand.

We are not loth to advise those Institute men who have the opportunity of getting commissions or of obtaining berths for which they are fitted to avail themselves of it. A degree is one thing for which all Technology men are working, but a postponement of its attainment may be advisable.

There is no need, however, of rushing into the service merely to avoid the impending draft. Numerous Technology men were called for induction. In most cases that training served them well, for there are few who were drafted who are not now doing some work for which they were fitted. The government is undoubtedly a close observer of its drafted men and will not except the ordinary

An Institute man can serve in the ranks as well as any other. In the letter in which the Department of the Navy urges the technical training that he has, and the Government seems to have recognized this. Surely past omissions are enough to reassure any one and the man who tries to dodge the draft is acting neither foolishly but also unpatriotically.

FAILURE.

The showing which Technology made in the recent campaign for the Y. M. C. A. War Work Fund was negligible. The number of undergraduates subscribing was slightly over nine hundred, and these men, together with the Faculty, have pledged some seventy-nine hundred dollars. The amount raised at Harvard in a similar campaign was about three times this sum. Neither will our figures bear comparison with those of other colleges. This is not to say that the subscriptions here were necessarily small, but rather to the fact that only a little more than half of the student body subscribed. The conclusions are obvious. The faculty's undergraduate are in a state of lethargy from which apparently nothing will arouse them, not even when their failure to "look alive" rouses a stigma which will be hard to live down on Technology.

THE SENIOR DINNER.

The Senior Dinner will be held on December 17 at the Walter Hotel. This is the last of the dinner will have a peculiar significance for the Seniors more than any other one this. This year it is probably the last opportunity which the Class of 1918 already depleted in numbers, will have of meeting in its present entirety, for undoubtedly the majority of the Seniors, will be men be engaged in school work, possibly before the commencement of the next term. The proverbial solemnity of a Senior Dinner will not be the order of the day, and added a touch of seriosumness. Every Senior should realize the special import of this assembly and do his utmost to attend this dinner of dinners.