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To the Editor of The Tech:

Under the heading of "Is Democracy a Failure?" you print in your issue for March 26, what appears to be a misprint on a certain recent book of which I am the author. In this instance, however, there is no such mistake.

The book of which the "Menace of Mediocrity" not "the Menace of Mediocrity" is to be found. Is there any "is democracy a failure?" No, and therefore the book does not state that democracy is a failure. In a "success" or a "failure" is the wrong word. When your writer says "Professor Cram has spoken of the "Menace of Mediocrity" in his German courses and so forth," he is simply stating an untruth. I have made this reference to your column to show that the writer of the editorial did not make a careful reading of the book but made his mistakes in the editor's column.

In accordance with the custom of the Technical Press, a contrary opinion may be published unsigned if so requested, the Editor of The Tech.

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3. "The Nemesis of Mediocrity" will be a very grave injustice, and hope not to print the letter exactly as submitted.

(Signed) RALPH ADAMS CRAM.

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