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In Charge of This Issue

S. H. Caldwell, Charles Rich

Monday, March 12, 1923

A SIGN OF WEAKNESS?

IS the Institute weakening? Are Technology men about to abandon their rank as the Spartans of collegiate society and become as soft and carefree as the liberal arts student?

For are we not to have the three day freedom of Junior "Week" in a month's time? Formerly that would have been enough for the tireless engineer in the bud.

However, may it not be possible that the authorities are not weakening after all? In the past it was cus-

tomary for men to work twelve hours a day, today they work eight with a half holiday Saturdays; and have increased production. Athletes rest between trials of strength; why shouldn't men at Technology have an opportunity to recuperate and renew their mental vigor following the undeniable strain of examinations?

No, the Institute is not weakening in the least. It is merely keeping up with progress; accepting the teachings of experience. After a vacation the authorities can reasonably demand more and better work; and quite probably will do so. There is no weakness there, only increased efficiency.

Charles River Basin Development

By C. M. Clark, Treas. of Arthur D. Little Co., Inc.

Comment on any trend of urban development involves an interesting study in group psychology. Why a particular locality grows into a residential, industrial or institutional section is susceptible of determination only by a thorough student of such matters, and the reasons, if any, are frequently difficult of conception by one whose thoughts are usually directed along other lines.

The problem of the Italian, French, Chinese and similar colonies in New York and other large cities is one that has had the serious attention of those engaged in the patriotic work of assimilating these peoples to the fundamental institutions and ideals of America.

The same idea is manifest in the tendency of retail dealers (except the so-called neighborhood shops) to locate in certain more or less well defined sections of a city. Likewise, wholesale dealers in certain lines of manufactured products seem to get together in the same buildings or groups of buildings.

In New York the retail department stores have rather rapidly moved from lower Broadway, where John Wanamaker is still located, uptown as far as 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue and the vicinity.

In Boston the trend of the shopping district is apparently out Boylston Street. In recent years also offices formerly centering about Post Office Square and State Street have shown a tendency to open up in the Back Bay district.

Growth of transportation facilities and communication undoubtedly have a great deal to do with the movement or lack of movement of groups such as those mentioned. Just as the railroad, telegraph and telephone contribute to the opening up of entirely unsettled lands, so do the improvements in local urban transportation open up certain sections of a city to new purposes.

In the same manner the Cambridge Subway can be held responsible for the building up of Kendall Square and its vicinity. This building up at least in the territory back of the Charles River Esplanade has been decidedly along manufacturing lines.

That the tendency along the water front has been toward residential and institutional purposes is evident from

ALUMNI NOTES

CHARLES PHILIP MONTO '10

As a result of an attack of pneumonia, Charles Philip Monto '10, a graduate of Course X, died in the town of Kotka, Finland, on February 17. He was engaged in the manufacture of dry cells in Finland, where he had lived for about two years.

NOTICES

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The night editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is G. F. Ashworth, telephone Winchester 609-J. All matters concerning the issue are referred to him.

the establishment not only of the magnificent Tech buildings, but of the more modest laboratory and office building bearing the name of an ardent Tech alumnus, who two years ago was honored with the presidency of the Tech Alumni Association, and who has for several years been a member of the M. I. T. Corporation.

It has not been many years as land developments go since the Cambridge bank of the Charles River was an unattractive swamp, totally unfit for the location of institutions. When the dam was built creating the present Charles River Basin, and the retaining walls erected on the Boston and Cambridge shores, there was created a lake, the borders of which were unsurpassed for the location of large residences and institutions.

When Dr. Little was looking about for a spot upon which to erect a building for his organization in 1916 it was from the roof of the Exposition structure, to which he had surreptitiously been led by a clever real estate man, that he was first impressed with the possibilities of the Charles River Esplanade for edifices of an institutional character.

As to what the future of this section will be, any one's prediction is of value only so far as it is regarded purely as a guess. When the Charles River Esplanade is considered as a potential Michigan Avenue Boulevard, the possibilities of its development for residential and institutional purposes are unlimited.

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need of prompt action is evident from the fact that the water-front land has trebled in value in the last eight years. The beautiful Esplanade with grass plots and shrubbery, the expanse of Charles River Basin with the skyline of newer and older Boston beyond, gives an outlook to Tech unequalled by eastern colleges.

Forced To Join Activity

All freshmen at West Virginia University must be actively participating in some recognized college activity within two weeks after school begins or explain to the Student Council some logical reason for not doing so.

New Dean at Texas Law School

Judge John C. Townes who has been with the Texas Law School for more than 25 years, and its dean for over 15 years, resigned recently and has been succeeded by Dr. George C. Butte, who was professor of international law at the school before his appointment as dean.

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John Hancock Said:— (IN 1774) I HAVE ever considered it as the indispensable duty of every member of society to promote, as far as in him lies, the prosperity of every individual, but more especially of the community in which he belongs.

Q. E. D. SHOW me," says the math. teacher—and when the chalk clouds have settled down there are a lot of figures signed "Q. E. D." which aren't "Q. E. D." at all. Say "Show me" to the shaving cream you're using and see what answer you get.