TO LOOK AND TO SEE

For the fifteenth time in its history the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is holding Open House. On this day the Institute officially opens its doors to the public and invites, "Come in and look around."

Accepting the invitation this year, according to the Open House Committee, will be some thirty thousand people. Why should these people come? For just what reasons will thirty thousand of people pass through Technology's doors this Saturday?

Curiosity has a lot to do with it. Many people will filter slowly through the labs and lectures just to check up on the Institute. The renown of its methods and accomplishments have a fascination which a lot of persons feel they have to ascertain for themselves first-hand. Curiosity, too, will bring many prospective students to Tech. For them, Open House seems to provide the perfect opportunity to see if the greatest scientific school in the Western Hemisphere is really great enough to consider entering.

Not everyone, however, will visit the Institute purely out of curiosity. We like to think that many will come on the suggestion of those connected with the Institute—students, staff, alumni. But the figure of the enterprising student, parking his girl in front of the biggest motor in the dynamo lab, and casually remarking, "Oh, yes, I made some load tests on that motor some time ago and found it to be quite inefficient...", unashpullly will be a familiar one before the afternoon is very old.

Of course, hundreds will come on the urge of the hazy reflex of interest in, but genuine respect for, scientific demonstrations and paraphernalia; and hundreds more will come for sheer amusement as they would take in a movie or a circus.

But let one thing be unequivocally under-