

general expression of opinion by the alumni in advance of the meeting of the Corporation the accompanying notice and the following petition were sent out between April 27 and April 30, inclusive.

(Here followed the petition, given above. The circular of April 27, 1904, and resolutions passed by the Association of Class Secretaries, the Tech Society of Western New York, and the Washington Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, accompanied this letter).

The replies received before noon of Wednesday, May 4, are set before you. An attempt has been made to group them in the accompanying table.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the committee).

A summary of the table presented to the Corporation is here given.

Those who sign the petition

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| (a) Without qualification                       | 1529 | } 1557 (95%) |
| (b) With slight but unimportant<br>modification | 28   |              |

Those who advocate the independence of the  
Institute, but decline to sign because

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| (a) They rely on the judgment of the<br>Corporation | 18 | } 47 (3%) |
| (b) They consider petition too<br>sweeping          | 29 |           |

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| Those who believe some combination of effort<br>may be possible | 25 (1 1/2 %) |
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| Those who believe a union of the Institute and<br>Harvard University desirable | 8 (1/2 %) |
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| Total | 1637 |
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The whole number of replies received up to the date of this circular (May 12, 1904) is more than 2,000 and they are still