

money is given call for its expenditure for purposes of technical education, which would make it necessary for Harvard University to establish a competing technical school, unless some arrangement for co-operation is entered into.

*Second.* Because the Institute has been so successful and has developed so rapidly that it has entirely outgrown its present quarters, and some further provision must be made in this respect; and moreover, the present funds available for payment of professors and instructors are inadequate to allow for their proper compensation.

*Third.* Because the present unsettled condition of this question affects public opinion as to the future of the Institute, and has prevented bequests and donations; and we therefore believe it should be now definitely settled.

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MR. HOWARD A. CARSON.

*Dear Sir:* I have received your letter of May 14, directed to the alumni and former students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I feel that a misunderstanding exists among the members of the Corporation, in considering a combination of effort in technical education of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Harvard University, as to the true feelings and desires of the great majority of the alumni and former students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I am utterly opposed to any combination of effort in technical education which will ally the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with any other educational institution whatever, and especially any combination with Harvard University which will resemble the present relation between the Lawrence Scientific School, Radcliffe College, or any other school with Harvard University.

I wish it distinctly appreciated that my position is taken with a feeling of the greatest respect for the results of the educational work of Harvard and for her deservedly well-earned reputation. Any combination which will at any time in the future permit any student of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to feel that he is in any way, shape, or manner, directly or indirectly, connected with Harvard University, will lead to but a temporary advantage to either institution and to a future disadvantage to the industrial world. Each institution has its place, and each, to the present time, has filled it well.

If any change is made in the object of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology it should be to make the Institute the greatest scientific graduate institution in the world, entirely distinct from any other educational institution. By making it a graduate institution the quality and not the quantity of the students would be the object.

My views are shared by so many Technology men that I do not feel that the Corporation has the moral right, if it has the legal right, to make any combination of effort in technical education with any other institution, or to conduct any negotiations looking toward that result, without submitting in a perfectly clear and undisguised manner its proposed action to every former student of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The reputation of any educational institution is due to the time, money, and energy expended by her students before and after graduation. The augmentation of that reputation is due to the support of her sons. Their wishes must be respected if her future success is desired. The great majority of the sons of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology feel that they have been designedly misrepresented in the public press and elsewhere in connection with the present discussion.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology should, without further quibbling or delay, come out and announce to the public, fairly and