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An organization like the Technology Christian Association, whose work is more or less quietly done, is often likely to be neglected and perhaps Technology even misunderstood. Its Y. M. C. A. work is for the students by the students. Its aim is to unite the scattered body of moral and religious men at Tech into a moving force, which may exert a powerful influence to preserve all that is noble and good in undergraduate life. It has invited representative men to address the Association at its weekly meetings throughout the year with the view of presenting some idea of the student's part in the great world movements of today and of the great opportunities for performing some valuable service for humanity.

Until this year the work of the Association has been more or less imperfectly done because of the inability of the students to shoulder the responsibilities which come with executive duties and at the same time do justice to their Institute work. This trouble has been obviated this year to a great extent by the employment of a secretary who directs and supervises the work under the direction of a managing board.

Now that the college year is nearly over and plans for the next year's work are being discussed, there comes a call on the great body of students, who on honest thought can see the far-reaching possibilities of an enlarged Association, for their hearty support. Properly supported by the students who believe thoroughly in its work, who realize their own responsibility, and who find in the broadening influence of the activities with which they are connected, an interpretation of their own lives, the Christian Association at Tech has unlimited capacity for promoting all that is good in undergraduate life.

PROF. SEDGWICK ADDRESSES Y.M.C.A.

At the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday in the Trinity Parish Hall, Professor Sedgwick spoke to the men on "Reverence." He took as his text two lines from Tennyson

"Let knowledge grow from more to more
But more of reverence in us dwell."

Tennyson lived in a troubled time. Darwin, Huxley and Tyndall were all forcing Nature to give up her secrets, and men were torn in their beliefs between the old faiths and the new scientific doctrines. The lines from Tennyson represent the state of mind of many good men and profound thinkers of the age. Reverence is a feeling that is growing today. A dozen years ago it was the fashion to be irreverent. Robert Ingersoll may be taken as a type of the scoffers, many of them clever and well educated men, who attracted so much attention by their criticisms of religion. These criticisms were sometimes very much to the point but oftentimes were merely irreverent or bitter. Darwin on the contrary was never irreverent even when advancing theories inimical to the Christian religion. Within the last ten years, however, the fashion of irreverence has died out and men are beginning to take a saner view of the whole question. The old idea of reverence was blind submission to some power which directed our existence. A better definition of reverence is respect for those things of life which are clean and of good report. Reverence leads us to respect the religion of a man, no matter what that religion may be or how ever much we may differ from its tenets, so long as that religion helps him to lead a clean and honorable life and to perform a man's work in the world.

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