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FOR DISCUSSION.

"It is better to discuss a question without settling it, than to settle it, without discussing it." Matthew Arnold.

For a good many years the feeling has grown among the students and alumni that Institute men have no good opportunity to meet each other and to develop their social and practical sides. Although there are fraternities and clubs at Technology, they give social opportunity to a limited number of men and are apt to have narrowing and snobbish tendencies; and although the present Union has been extremely helpful as a broadening influence it is, as President Noyes has pointed out, "miserably inadequate as the social gathering place of our fourteen hundred students."

To encourage the outside activities of the students, the Walker Memorial movement was started. Besides containing a gymnasium, the Memorial building was to include provision for other social objects. According to the plans described in Technique 1903, "A spacious and attractive memorial room, seventy by forty-five feet, with handsome open fireplace, afternoon sunshine and comfortable chairs should embody welcome and cheer to the individual student and be a worthy scene for social and ceremonial gatherings. The adjoining southeast corner will contain a kitchen and serving room, a library, and perhaps a music room."

This Walker Memorial movement, fine as its effect will be, has been hanging fire for over eight years due to the agitation in regard to moving the Institute to a new site. Also, at least three years, and maybe as many as ten, will elapse after the Corporation decides on a permanent site, before the Institute can finally leave its present buildings.

It seems highly desirable that, during this time, ample provisions should be made for student activities. With the need of a large Union and suitable meeting rooms in everyone's mind, it appears providential that the lease on Copley Hall, a building owned by the Institute, runs out before the beginning of our next school year. This hall would completely fill the students' urgent needs, supply the Institute with much needed room, and in every way answer for the four or five years to come as a temporary Union and Walker Memorial.

At present the Institute receives some revenue from the renting of Copley Hall, but it is hoped that by renting some of the studios, by student entertainments and perhaps by some contribution from the income of the Walker Memorial Fund, the loss of this revenue can be made up to the Institute.

Since the use of Copley Hall will mean so much to the students and cost the Institute so little, it is sincerely hoped that the Corporation can arrange to utilize it as a large Union, a sort of temporary Walker Memorial, with provisions for student welfare worthy of the reputation of the Institute in other directions.

GIFTS FOR ALL.

Tech Xmas Tree a Success.

At the Technology Christmas tree entertainment at the Union Lyman A. Underwood gave a most interesting talk on Florida. The talk was accompanied by slides showing the animal and vegetable life of various districts.

There were about 50 students present, all receiving useful gifts. Refreshments were served after the gift-giving.

Among those present were: President Noyes, Dr. and Mrs. Dewey, Prof. and Mrs. Pearson, Bursar Rand, Prof. and Mrs. Sedgewick, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs.

Sawyer, and Treasurer Francis R. Hart. To Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Sedgewick and others is due the arrangements of the tree and the refreshments.

READING BY PROF. BATES.

Professor Arlo Bates read Dickens "Christmas Carol" at the Christmas Eve entertainment given by the Boston Young Men's Christian Union. Christmas music was furnished by the Commonwealth Male Quartette. Among the three hundred present were a number of Tech men.

RESEARCH CHEMISTS DINE.

Menu Synopsis of Unmusical Comedy.

The third annual Christmas dinner of the Research Laboratory was held the Tuesday before vacation at the Technology Club. On the menu card was printed the synopsis of an unmusical comedy in three acts in which the various parts were assigned to the men present. The names of the characters and the situations in the play were humorous allusions to laboratory affairs.

SUGGESTED BY THE TECH.

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this Copley Hall be used, after the expiration of its present lease on September 1, 1908, to serve as a temporary substitute for the Walker Memorial building, and that they hereby urge the Walker Memorial committee, the alumni, and the students through their organizations, to support this suggestion so that it may have weight with the Corporation in their action as regards Copley Hall.

The Board of Editors, The Tech

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The Institute Committee voted to call meetings of the four undergraduate classes, in order that the classes might express opinions on the proposed plan of using the Copley Hall building. The meetings will be in Huntington Hall at 1 o'clock on the next four days. The Seniors will meet today, the Juniors on Tuesday, the Sophomores on Wednesday and the Freshmen on Thursday. The classes will be addressed by the respective Presidents and members of the Institute Committee.

The Institute Committee called upon all undergraduate organizations to express opinions on the subject. The committee also appropriated enough money for an extra edition of this number of The Tech to be given away at the various class meetings in order that everyone might know about the proposed plan.

SENIOR PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE.

Nominations for senior portfolio committee close January 1st, 1908, at 4 P. M. Nominations must be signed by ten members of the class and handed to R. W. Ferris, B. L. Gimson, or H. W. Flaherty, or left at the Cage for the portfolio election committee.

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