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the General Library in the Rogers
Building, and study in this room is im-
possible, because of constant going and
coming and of unavoidable talking and
other noise.

Sixth:—The recurrent demand for
small recitation rooms, now felt for the
second time by the Institute.

Seventh:—The advisability of trying
in some way the various schemes for
the arrangement of the permanent
Walker Memorial Building.

Eighth:—The desirability of making
the Walker Memorial Fund a live is-
sue, rather than a mere accumulation.

Ninth:—The pressing need of a great-
er social life among the Institute stu-
dents.

The study and work here being so ar-
duous, the social side of a man, one
of the most important of all the de-
velopments which come from a college
education, is continually lost sight of.

It is very easy to see how a naturally
sociable fellow would gradually become
reconciled to an all work and no play
standard when there are no opportuni-
ties for the development of ac-
quaintances into intimacy but the con-
tact of the recitation room and the
laboratory. If this is true of one so-
cially inclined, how much more pressing
the need must be for those of a natu-
rally self-contained, bashful or reticent
disposition.

We hear far too often that the Tech-
nology man is lacking in ability to
meet on the same personal plane his
intellectual equals.

Tenth:—The last paragraph points
directly to this need which the Walker
Memorial Building was intended to fill,
and which General Walker himself an-
ticipated, i. e., for a building which
should be devoted to the students and
their interests.

The various activities, as has been
mentioned before, are all badly cramped
in their present quarters. A rather
striking example of this is afforded by
the Technology Y. M. C. A., a very
estimable organization, and one which
is daily accomplishing great good. This
association is obliged to impose upon
Trinity Church, and use a room in the
church chapel for its weekly meeting.

Again, were these bodies suitably and
centrally housed, the work attached to
them would be materially lightened, and
many would be enabled to take part
in the various forms who now, for lack
of time, lose practically all of their

manifold benefits, whereas these should
be possible to all who choose to take
part in any form of public work.

There is now no place where the stu-
dent body can meet as a whole, in-
formally. The Kommers, one of the best
ideas ever introduced here, failed as a
regular feature, because there was no
satisfactory place to hold them.

There is no central place in which to
hold mass meetings such as are desir-
able before a track meet or other im-
portant events.

That there is a large demand for an
all day lunch room is shown by the
number of small lunch rooms now
springing up around the Institute
buildings. An all-day lunch room is a
convenience for which everyone carrying
a large amount of work feels the need
very strongly.

There are at the Institute quite a
few clubs and professional societies. Or-
ganized with the most desirable of pur-
poses, their growth has been stunted by
the fact that they have no place to
meet in a desirable way except at the
hotels about town.

Eleventh:—The need of an opportu-
nity for the student to practice, or see
practiced at a short range the general
principals of business on the lines laid
down by Isaac W. Litchfield, 1885, in
his article on "Apprenticeship for Busi-
ness Responsibility."

Twelfth:—It is easy to trace the best
of the spirit of loyalty to a college or
school to the associations and memories
connected with that undergraduate life
in which democracy, a broad view of
life, and a sense of civic responsibility
were fostered.

We undergraduates need a binding to-
gether, a greater number of more com-
mon interests, a better acquaintance
with each other, and a closer view of all
the types of mankind than we now can
get.

It would seem that a Union which
would furnish opportunity and occasion
for this sort of thing would be of great
service not alone to us, but to Technol-
ogy, for we are Technology. Her grad-
uates will do likewise some day. On
the loyalty and devotion of these men
the Institute depends. Therefore their
spirit for her must be nourished and
given every opportunity possible to
grow and propagate itself.

Respectfully submitted,

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