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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1920

It is with the most sincere sorrow that we announce the death of our beloved leader and president, Richard Cockburn MacLaurin. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. MacLaurin and her family in their bereavement.

Technology is left without that steady hand and farsighted leadership which guided us through the storms of war and reconstruction to a final success, coming as the crowning achievement to a life characterized by devotion to principle and sincerity of purpose. The tragic situation facing the Institute is paralleled only by that of the nation at the death of Abraham Lincoln.

Dr. MacLaurin's attainments in the realm of science and education need no comment at this time. However, the great extent of his devotion to the Institute is little known. His persevering labor for Technology will stand as a permanent monument, more beautiful than human mind or hand could ever fashion.

PERSPECTIVE

In every course at the Institute there are students who go through term after term with little study and no apparent effort and yet get high marks. It is because they have the peculiar knack of hitting the high spots and seeing in advance what is important and what is not. The majority, however, have not this ability. To many of us, our courses are merely a series of independent subjects, introduced, worried over, and completed without any relation to the others. Mechanism, for instance, is particularly so, but there are many others where the sense of incoherency is nearly as great. The fault lies partly in our crowded schedules with periods of review so short and so infrequent, but the principal cause lies in the methods of the individual instructors. The heads of departments should make a special effort to gain better co-ordination both within each subject and between the subjects of each course. It is only in this way that a Technology graduate can enter into the world with any true sense of perspective on the branches of his profession.

CONTRACTOR BUILDS TOWER UNDER TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The wooden structure which is being erected in front of the Institute power station is for the erection of an experimental cooling tower. This tower is being built by the C. E. Bad-

ger Company, one of the firms which signed a contract under the Technology Plan, and it is the first project started under this plan. The company is in consultation with Professor E. F. Miller of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

GEORGE EASTMAN GIVES VIEWS ON EDUCATION, LABOR UNREST AND PRESENT INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS

Technology Stands for What the Successful Man of Industry Must Be

KODAK KING IS SELF MADE MAN

"Because I had to" was the reason George Eastman gave when asked why he disclosed his identity in connection with the Alumni jubilee dinner in Walker Memorial last Saturday night. Compliance with the law forced the disclosure of the secret that three women and two men successfully kept for nearly eight years from thousands of graduates and students of the Institute.

Not only did the Kodak King break his silence about his gifts to Technology but he also shattered more personal precedents by giving for publication an interview containing his views on the industrial and commercial future of the country.

Speaking in the Boston Post Mr. Eastman goes on to say that the college men are the hope of the country. And he made clear that according to his views on practical business the Institute is "the" type of college. "No man," he said, "could go through Technology and not learn before he came out what his obligations are to his country. Technology stands for what the successful man of commerce and industry of the future must be."

In reply as to why he chose Technology Mr. Eastman said, "I selected Technology because of the fact that she had two of the elements necessary for a great educational institution. First, its faculty, and second, its students. It lacked only the third requisite of a successful educational institution, the money. The same money might have been spent, perhaps to start another school somewhere, but such a school would lack those other two necessary elements—faculty and students. Even with money a new school might never have been able to supply them as Technology was and is."

"The reason my name was kept a secret was because I desired it. I wanted to escape the personal notoriety of being fussed over for giving in large amounts."

George Eastman is less widely known than many millionaires notwithstanding his prominence in the industrial world. He has always directed his publicity towards his product and kept himself in the background. Despite the requests of Dr. MacLaurin and a host of graduates, that he attend the jubilee dinner last Saturday and hear himself lauded, he said, "I don't think anyone should have expected me to. I would have been vain and foolish."

Did Not Want Publicity

When asked why he disclosed himself, the millionaire's eyes twinkled and he smiled before answering.

"I'm disclosed," he said, "because I had to be—not because I wanted to be. This last gift involved the transfer to Technology of 5000 shares of common stock in the Eastman Kodak Company, and, of course, it had to be made public for legal reasons. If it were not for that, my name would still be unknown, so far as Technology was concerned, except to Dr. MacLaurin and my secretary."

"Realization of what Technology is has been the determining factor in my selection of whom to bestow my gifts," said Mr. Eastman, continuing. "For many years I had been coming in contact with men from Technology, many of them right in my employ here in this company. I had been watching the progress of Technology for some time—I like to study things—and my special interest in the Institute was due, no doubt, to the fact that I was constantly coming in contact with the men who had come from there."

"I had been watching the treasurer's report from Technology, too, and so when I came to the conclusion that it was time to help her, I asked Mr. Lovejoy of this firm to arrange an interview with Dr. MacLaurin. I met Dr. MacLaurin and talked with him, I decided to help the Institute and so made my first gift. I asked that it be recorded as from 'Mr. Smith.'"

"Technology's future should be big. It has the faculty, it has the students and now with the Endowment Fund it has the money."

"I have no advice to give Technology or Technology men, nor would I attempt to advise them as to what their aims should be. I cannot see how a man can go through the Institute without having learned what his duty to his country is. Technology stands for what this country ought to be and teaches now America and

American industries should be furthered and benefited.

Stresses Importance of Education.

"College men are destined to be more successful in the future than ever before. I think that the importance of education is growing all the time. In my day a man was not so handicapped by competition as he is today. We all have noticed the preference that college men gained in the war, and so I believe that aside from the benefits that a man gets from a college education, which enables him to lead a more rounded life, a college education is necessary because of the growing importance of enabling him to successfully compete with others."

Concerning his opinions on industrial conditions, Mr. Eastman said he had no fear of a coming chaos. "I think," he asserted, "that industrial conditions are on the way to become better from now on. I have no fear of the coming of chaos. As for unrest, I think the fear will amount to just what the American people allow it to. In other words, it will depend on our firmness at the present time."

"There are some things that may be temporized with, but the proposition to bring about a revolution by violence in this country is not one of them. Americans are first of all Americans."

CANCEL DANCE

Committee Announces Decision On Walker Hop

Owing to the death of Dr. MacLaurin, the formal dance scheduled for tonight in Walker Memorial has been cancelled. Men holding tickets may redeem them at the desk of the cashier in the Main Hall, Walker Memorial, only.

NOTICES

T. C. A. Book Exchange—All men having books at the T. C. A. book exchange must call for them, or send in word as to their disposal before February 1. Otherwise the T. C. A. will dispose of them at their own discretion.

Tech Show Rehearsals—All rehearsals for Tech Show have been cancelled until Monday.

Naval Architecture Society Trip—The Naval Architecture Society will make a trip to the Squantum destroyer plant on Wednesday, January 21. The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes of Course XIII have been excused for the afternoon and will meet at the Kendall Square subway station at 1.30 o'clock.

Pictures for Senior Portfolio—Seniors who have proofs of pictures taken at Notman's for the Senior Portfolio of Technique 1921 must return them to Notman's Park St. studio by Tuesday, January 20 or pictures will not be used.

Faculty Club Smoker—Professor James F. Norris will address the Faculty Club at a smoker to be held Tuesday, January 20 at 8.00 o'clock, in the North Dining Room of Walker Memorial, on his personal experiences in Europe during the War. The smoker will be preceded by an informal dinner which will be served at 6.00 o'clock in the Faculty Dining Room.

Technique Signups—All men selling Technique signups must turn in their stubs before 3.00 o'clock tomorrow in order to receive credit.

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