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Editorials.

COMPULSORY SCIENCE DINNER.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found a letter sent to the Journal by a prominent member of the final year in Science. The letter deals with the question of a compulsory Science dinner.

Some time ago the Engineering Society passed a resolution expressive of its desire that all science students should contribute to the support of the Science dinner and the fee levied for this purpose be collected by the Registrar. It is against this action on the part of the Engineering Society that the letter from a Science student protests.

The Journal is not anxious to intrude upon any controversy without a thorough knowledge of all the facts bearing upon it. The Science dinner is an annual function of the Engineering Society: and it constitutes one of the most important features of the existence of the Science students as a body. From attendance at it students in Science gain a great deal that is of importance to them. They hear addresses from men who have risen to prominence in various branches of the engineering profession. Through this means they are led to a keener sense of the responsibilities and possibilities of the life opening out before them. In this respect then the final result very often is a more serious undertaking of the task of preparation for service as a member of a great profession. It is the Journal's honest conviction that the annual dinner of the Engineering Society merits the support of every student in the Department of Science. This opinion, of course, is based on the belief that a dinner organized for students should not be marked by certain features to which many of those desiring to attend take strong objection. It is probably to ensure support for a function that means a great deal to the men in Science that the Engineering Society takes the action regarding the annual dinner fee.

But there is another side to the matter. The Engineering Society, backed by the governing body of the University that agrees to collect the additional fee, forces all Science students to contribute money to the support of its annual dinner. The principle upon which such action is based is entirely wrong.