

8th September 1983

Dear President Martin:

Thank you for your interesting and flattering letter of 21st June. It arrived on 5th September by sea. I'll be pleased and honored to join the august members of IIT Hall of Fame.

Fifty years ago last June I graduated from Armour Institute of Technology. Time has diffused my memories. However I look back with pleasure upon many mornings spent in Machinery Hall. Top floor was Foundry, below that Pattern Making, next Machine Shop, and on ground floor Forging. I can still make chain in a coal forge. Modern day welders wouldn't know how to go about it or what to do first. Experience gained in Machinery Hall has stood me well during later years in assessing competence and ability of various trades I've had to supervise. In several instances, tradesmen have refused to work for me because they felt ill at ease in my presence! I'm still most happy when constructing something with my own hands.

Details of my last major undertaking here may be found in Journal of Franklin Institute, Jan. 1968, p 1-12. The results therein have caused me to become more interested in philosophical matters during recent years. Enclosed is a note which appeared in Physics Today, Nov. 82, p 108 & 9. The response was surprising. The university received over 70 requests. These came from 24 states in USA plus 10 foreign countries. Physics Today really gets around. A peculiarly large number were attracted by the religious aspect. Perhaps God is not dead yet!

It is not practical for me to attend the luncheon on 23rd. However, I'll be there in spirit and be pleased to have you read this letter to the gathering.

Cordially yours,

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