

Institute To Adopt Appropriate Name

Mechanics Institute, the city's oldest continuing educational institution, is about to enter a new era of its long and useful existence. The need of technical training for men and women returning from the war, particularly for those whose education was interrupted by the war, is engaging the attention of school and college authorities the country over.

Mechanics, which as the result of the Kimball report some years ago, revamped its courses to meet new conditions, is preparing to meet this new situation. Its plans will be made so as to fit in with the plans that may be made by the public schools and the University. The result of this community perspective will be an all-round opportunity which will meet all reasonable needs.

Symbolic of its new plans and status, its directors have applied to the Board of Regents to change its name to Rochester Institute of Technology. The change is being favored by alumni and by the Institute's present administration, and it takes cognizance of new opportunities which state funds and plans may open up.

The Athenaeum, to which the Institute was joined, in 1891, goes back to 1829, and Colonel Nathaniel Rochester was its first president.

Mechanics Institute was founded in 1889 by Captain Henry Lomb.

Under the present board, headed by James E. Gleason, and under the administrative presidency of Dr. Mark Ellingson, the institution has expanded its usefulness and made future plans which will carry into the post-war future the useful place its distinguished founders visualized.

In a certain sense, it may be said that it now has passed under the present board, headed through infancy and a vigorous youth, and is about to attain its maturity.