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FACULTY NOTES

At the opening of the next term of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. A. Rambeau will begin his work there as professor of modern languages. Professor Rambeau's family is French. He is of old Huguenot stock, but was born and brought up in Germany. He was educated at the Gymnasium of Wittenberg, studied classical, Romance, and Germanic philology at the Universities of Halle and Marburg, and French literature, phonetics, and dialectology at Paris. He received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Marburg in 1877, passed the "examen pro facultate docendi" in 1878, and lectured upon English grammar and literature at the University of Marburg in 1878 and 1879. He was afterward professor of English and French at the Wilhelm Gymnasium at Hamburg. During the past six years, from January, 1893, until his appointment at the Institute, he has been associate and associate professor of Romance languages at the Johns Hopkins University. The most prominent of his numerous publications are his doctor's dissertation on the assonances of the old French "Chanson de Roland," a book highly appreciated by workers in the same field; a treatise upon Chaucer's "House of Fame," an edition of Adam de la Hale's dramas (thirteenth century) and "La Chrestomathie Française," with phonetic transcriptions and an introduction upon the phonetic method, which he published with Jean Passy. He has contributed valuable papers to many periodicals, among them "Modern Language Notes," and is joint editor of *Neuere Sprachen*. He has also written forcibly and well on the teaching of languages with especial reference to the difficult subject of phonology. Doctor Rambeau combines in a high degree the qualities of a successful teacher and of a distinguished original scholar.

On Wednesday, September 27th, the exercises of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were begun. Since the end of the last term some changes have been made in the Faculty. Adolph Rambeau, Ph. D., has been made professor of modern languages, and has charge of that department. Arthur A. Noyes, Ph. D.,