We have received a communication from one of the civils, expressing considerable dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Tech has neglected that department. The correspondent states that the civils have been mentioned but once, while the other departments have each had several columns, and that an outsider would have no means of knowing that there was such a department, whereas it is as much entitled to mention as any of the other courses.

The editor who represents both the mechanicals and the civils is himself one of the former, and is constantly receiving from them the notes which appear in the Tech; but although he has repeatedly asked the civils for matter, they have not responded, and have not seemed to take any particular interest, one way or the other. It must not be forgotten that this editor represents both departments alike, that he will be as much pleased to receive "copy" from one as from the other; and if there are more articles relating to one than to the other, the simple reason is, the mechanicals have taken more interest in the paper.

There seems to be a lack of energy in the Department of Civil Engineering as a body, such that the few who have been endeavoring to organize a society for the purpose of debate, etc., report that their efforts are fruitless; it is probable that until the civils band together and are fully awake to their own interests, the department will continue to be as poorly represented in the columns of the Tech as it is at present. Every mechanical, however, takes a personal interest in the affairs of his department; and one of the best proofs of this statement is seen in the rapid growth and immense success which have attended their society, formed as a means of self-improvement and of strengthening the party spirit. We see no cause for censuring the editor for the present state of affairs, and again repeat that such articles as shall be sent in will be recognized.

Among the many pleasant things that occurred on the mechanicals' trip, nothing was more pleasant than the reception of the party at the Sheffield Scientific School. When our students arrived at the school building they were met by the professors and senior class in dynamical engineering, and courteously shown round the building. The Yale students then accompanied the visitors to the Winchester Arms Company's works, and spent two hours in watching the work there. In the afternoon our party, by invitation of the "Shef." boys, enjoyed a sleigh-