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MR. GEO. J. FORAN, of THE TECH, has resigned his position as editor from '83, his duties as such being a hindrance to his regular school work. While we are sorry to lose his help on the paper, we must commend his action in making everything secondary to his principal aim. The thanks of all connected with the paper, and in fact the thanks of all connected with the school, are due Mr. Foran for the valuable service he has rendered.

THE question of laboratory room is growing to be a serious one, and the need of more space is likely to become greater instead of less. Our Freshman Class this year is much larger than those of preceding years, and will in all likelihood furnish a proportionately larger number of men to the laboratory courses. The quantitative laboratory has proved this year to be too small to accommodate all who are entitled to a place there, and will be entirely insufficient next year when '85 comes to claim its share. Cannot room for new laboratories be obtained in the Natural History Building?

IN view of the many gifts received by other colleges throughout the country, it is often asked why the bequests to the Institute are comparatively so few. The reasons for this undisputed fact are simple, though perhaps not immediately apparent. The most obvious is that the Institute is young. It has been founded barely twenty years. Most of the legators to other colleges are men who, having graduated from them, desire in disposing of their property to aid their Alma Mater; while the oldest alumnus of the Institute has hardly reached his prime, and is yet in that period of life when the acquisition of property is of more importance than its disposal. Some public gifts are doubtless made by donors who seek to keep their memory green by the establishment of some professorship or the erection of some hall. Such men would naturally—perhaps not always wisely—select an old and famous seat of learning as the recipient of their bequest. Nowhere is the dictum, "Unto him that hath, it shall be given," more exactly true than in respect to college funds; and yet the endowment is conspicuous just in proportion as the institution needs it. The few thousands and the library of John Harvard have yielded a return of honor beyond the power of any succeeding legacy. The erroneous impression that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is a State affair has gained ground in some quarters, and may further answer the question we have discussed.