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THE demand for lighter reading is continually being made by some of the friends of The Tech. We are told that "All other college papers have it"; furthermore, that "It is necessary to the welfare of the paper"; "Most of the matter is thoroughly scientific"; "Who wants to read nothing but the results of scientific investigation"? "We need more jokes." Such remarks as these have been made in our presence by several of our patrons, and it is indeed true that more light reading is necessary to interest a large number of our subscribers. The question then arises as to how we shall supply that demand. The Tech is a paper "published by the students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology," and every student of that institution is responsible, in part, for its contents. The editors merely superintend the work, and draw the line between that which is worthy of publication and that which is not. Those who demand literary rather than scientific articles are presumably the ones who take the most interest is that class of reading, and hence are best fitted to contribute literary matter. It is impossible to give the attention to literature that other college papers give, for this is distinctively a scientific school, and those who attend it are interested in scientific subjects. The paper represents the students, and must treat of the matter in which they are most interested. Thus far the students who have tried to help the paper along, by contributions and otherwise, have been of a scientific turn of mind; now let us hear also from those of literary taste. Nothing would give us more pleasure than to have all branches of science, art, and literature fully represented.

We have received, through the kindness of Prof. John D. Runkle, a copy of his paper on "The Manual Element in Education." This paper gives full accounts of all the principal mechanic-art schools, a large number of pages being devoted to our own Institute. The arrangement of our shops and the kind of work done are shown by numerous illustrations. Included in Prof. Runkle's account is a report by Mr. Thomas Foley, instructor in our shops. This report deserves the careful attention of every member of the Institute. Written by a practical man, and in a practical way, it is a most convincing argument in favor of shop instruction.

It would be only repetition to say anything in support of this mode of education. It is being adopted all over the world. It seems hard to imagine the existence of such a school as this without a practical course in shop-work.