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TRULY time flies quickly: the school year is nearly over; the present number of The Tech is the last of Volume I. And now, after having discussed many of the great issues of human life, the most important political questions, and some of the most abstruse theories of science, we propose to come down to a more prosaic subject, and talk about ourselves.

Our history thus far is a short one, and is familiar to most of our readers. We can well remember the first meeting in Room 4, the other meetings that followed, the organization of forces, and the appearance of the first number of the paper. And how we buttonholed for copy, and racked our poor brains for great ideas,—all these things will never be forgotten. But all are past, and as six months ago it was our lot to make our bow before the public, so now it is our duty to say farewell.

We have been looking over some clippings from our exchanges, and they tell us, what we knew before, that this paper has differed in some respects from its more pretentious contemporaries. Representing a school of science, conducted by men whose aim has been a knowledge of the sciences rather than literary attainments, the tone of the paper has naturally been scientific rather than literary. Reviewing our past work, we can discover no reason why the "new departure" is not perfectly legitimate and in good taste; we think it might even be called an improvement. Many college papers have long since lost all pretension to literary merit, and aim solely to amuse.

One of the aims of this year's management has been to build a foundation for the years to come,—a foundation worthy of the Institute, and one which should enable the paper to attain the greatest eminence in the future. Such has been our aim; and we rest assured that through the efforts of those who are to follow, The Tech will establish for itself a name that shall not be forgotten.

No college paper ever closed a year's work with brighter prospects. The interest which has thus far been taken in the enterprise warrants its next year's success. The Institute itself is growing; it is but natural that The Tech should grow with it. It is, then, with joy and not with sadness that we say good-by to the school and to the paper, and wish all a pleasant vacation.

We hope that before the next term opens some new arrangements will be made in regard to the so-called "Institute Dining Hall." Whether it be from an effort to furnish meals at a low price we do not know, but certain it is that the establishment has seen no improvement in the last year, and that the present state of