in its own college. This alone would be a great advance on the present precarious method of copying college news; but the idea might be incorporated in the Association.

It is occasionally amusing, but oftener exasperating, to see the same stale items about co-education at Ann Arbor or government at Dartmouth, or something else equally authoritative, making the round of our exchanges in spite of repeated protests from the colleges concerned. Hereafter THE TECH will publish no items of collegiate news which do not come at first hand from the proper authority. We shall also endeavor in all cases to give credit to the paper from which we may take any verses, criticisms, or similar clippings.

A tendency toward the introduction of cartoons is at present noticeable in college papers. As a rule, the cartoons are not of a high order of merit; among others, the *Athenæum* and *Lehigh Burr* would gain by their omission.

We are always glad to see the *Columbia Spectator*. To be sure, its cover is dauby, and often the only respect which its jokes can command is that due to age. We still, however, rank it among the first of our E. C.'s, and consider it in many respects a model. Its strong points are of course its illustrations, which are the best in any college paper, and its general typographical appearance.

We take the liberty of publishing the following letter, clipped from the *Trinity Tablet*. It may not be generally known that the M. I. T. has already established a thorough course in Electrical Engineering:

*To the Editors of the Tablet.* — During a recent trip to Europe I learned that young men and gentlemen were studying Electrical Engineering, which profession has not become overcrowded, and great fortunes have been made in its pursuit. The enormous extension of the telegraph, telephone, electric light, cables, etc., into all parts of the world will create a great demand for skilled electricians. If any of the young readers of your valuable journal are interested in this new field, I will cheerfully give them any information in my power.

Yours very respectfully,

HENRY GREEN.

*Trinity College, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1882.*

*Dear Father:* I like college first rate. Please send me a check for $50.00. I am growing more liberal minded every day. The girls in town are immense. I took one to the theatre the other night and no one chaperoned us. You can bet your bottom dollar I had a good time. Give my love to Aunt Mary, and tell her I will send her a book to read as soon as I find out where the college library is. The German astronomers are spending a few days here to observe the transit of Venus and Adonis, which, I am told, closes on the fifth of December.

Don't forget the check.

*Your affectionate son,*