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THE opening of the third volume of The Tech finds the paper occupying a high position among the college press, but, for the first time, it is with hardly a member of its original boards. Nearly all of its prominent contributors have left the school; its first editor-in-chief, whose strong convictions and happy style did so much to fix its character; its first president, to whom it owes its inception, and whose energetic efforts long continued gave it a footing in the school; these have gone, and with them many others perhaps less prominently connected with the paper, but by whose patient labor, nevertheless, it reached the position it now holds.

The Tech is not a story paper; it is not a comic one; sarcasm has termed it "pungent"; it has been called "bashful"; it is in the main "only a field for plain, honest work," and as such has begun to be known and felt in the world outside as well as in the smaller sphere among the colleges, where it properly belongs.

Now, however, that it feels so keenly the lack of the support which it has, until this time, received, The Tech starts upon its third volume, making no promises, but with every incentive for improvement.

Some attempts have been made in that direction in the present number, which is, however, sent out by its editors in the hope that its deficiencies may be overlooked or kindly attributed to inexperience.

The alumni and friends of the M. I. T. will be glad to know that the present year finds the Institute better equipped than ever before in the history of the school. It has at its command greatly increased facilities for instruction in almost all of its various departments, and its financial condition is much improved. The shops which have just been completed and the large new building afford the long needed opportunity for expansion, and several new instructors have been engaged. The chemical department has removed to the commodious Kidder Laboratory, which contains every convenience and is fitted with desks for four hundred and twenty-six students. The mechanical engineers no longer have to "in-lent" in the dust and dark of the old steam laboratory, but are transferred to the new shops, where they have largely increased conveniences. There are now three steam engines in the Institute, all of which are utilized for the purposes of instruction. Professor Lanza is at the head of the department. The course in architecture has been considerably extended and otherwise improved. Dr W. T. Sedgwick, lately from the Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed assistant professor of biol-