A N event is to take place on Saturday next that concerns so intimately the welfare of The Tech, and should command so fully the interest of all its friends, that it deserves more than the brief notice of the bulletin board. The Tech has now nearly completed its third year. Its existence thus far, though not perhaps precarious, has passed in a rather haphazard, hand-to-mouth fashion. In many respects it has proved successful; in many it is still improving; it has, we believe, supplied a want, and is conceded by all to be a good thing. In view of these and other considerations, the present Board of Directors have felt that the time has come to place it upon a little more permanent basis, to give it, as far as may be, a degree of continuity which it now lacks.

The only external limitations upon the power of the Board, which is charged by the school with the execution of important trusts, are contained in an exceedingly brief committee report approved by one of the early mass meetings incidental to the inception of the paper. Such a charter is, of course, utterly inadequate to guide and govern its management now, nor was it intended so to do. The Board can contract debts up to the utmost limit of its official credit, and leave them to be paid by the school, if at all.

An attempt to remedy this defect has been made by the present Board. They have drawn up the first and only constitution of The Tech, and so far as its workings have been studied, they are satisfactory. But it was felt that no such constitution would be binding upon a future board, or give organic continuity to the papers until it should be ratified by the source of power,—the school as a whole. For this vitally important purpose the meeting has been called. In accordance with an article of the present provisional constitution, it is also proposed to give a brief general outline of the work and progress of The Tech for the last year, and of its prospects for the next.

The importance of such a meeting is apparent without argument, but we may add, for illustration, that if such action had been taken one year ago, the financial status of the paper would be far better to-day.

To one who is not so familiar as we are with the apathy of the average Institute student to any and all public enterprises, it would seem that business so important, affecting so directly the interests of the students should draw a large and earnest meeting. Would that it might. We, as a school, are sadly lacking in public spirit, in esprit de corps. We are merely "economic men," competing each for his own selfish, personal ends. Let us take a broader view of our rights and our duties. Each one recognizes the expediency, the necessity of certain public actions; only let him act according to the logical sequence—that he must do his share towards attaining the end sought. We bespeak for the meeting a full attendance, and hope that no slight cause will keep away any one interested in the growth and prosperity of The Tech.

It is very commonly felt that the examinations as posted follow one another too quickly, with no intermission for a week. At Cambridge the students feel overworked if they have three in a week. A man cannot do himself justice where he has to pass a three and a half hours' examination every day for a week and study the remaining time to prepare himself. But alas! what can we do about it?

We are glad to learn from President Walker of the two new degrees to be instituted the coming year.

These are to be the degree M. S., or Master of Science, to be taken after a post-graduate course of one year, and the degree Ph. D., or Doctor of Philosophy, to be taken on the successful completion of two years of post-graduate study. We are not yet informed as to the precise conditions under which these degrees may be taken, but only know that they are to be open to candidates from all the departments, and are to be equivalent in significance to the degrees of