a victory for Harvard. We have several good men who, with proper coaching, can make very good anchors, and we hope these men will take our advice to heart. Let this be no class affair, but let us all work to bring credit to the Institute.

THE School of Mines Quarterly, of Columbia College, is a periodical edited by the professors, and published by the co-operation of the Alumni Association and some of the scientific societies of the School of Mines. Nearly all of the instructors of the school are upon the editorial board, and contributions from them and from the alumni fill the numbers of the magazine. Containing, as it does, articles upon mining, metallurgy, chemistry, and allied subjects, from some of the foremost men in these professions, the Quarterly has become one of the most important scientific publications in the country. It is an organ which gives the School of Mines a greater influence in scientific circles; it serves as a channel through which the results of investigations and new discoveries there can be published as coming from Columbia.

It seems to us strange that the Institute has no such a publication. The advantages which would be derived from one would be undisputed. Now, why should not a magazine of this kind be started? We believe the only thing necessary would be for some energetic member of the Faculty to take hold of the matter. Obstacles would be encountered, of course, but they would not be insurmountable. The question of financial support would be the most difficult one to settle. From the editorial standpoint the way ought to be clear. The Faculty is largely composed of men of high standing in their professions, and many alumni are occupying high positions in various parts of the country. The "List of Publications, M. I. T.," shows that these men are not idle in regard to the literary work of scientific investigation.

A publication of this kind, including within its scope all of the technical professions, and coming from the leading scientific institution of America, would be of the greatest value to science. We hope to see such a one before many more years have passed.

TECHNIQUE has now been out six weeks, and, as yet, but a few more than five hundred copies have been sold. After the board of editors have been to the trouble and expense of preparing a book which is of great interest and value to every one at the Institute, it seems as if all should show their appreciation of it by purchasing, at least, a single copy; yet a comparison between the number of students at the Institute and the number of Techniques sold, shows that two hundred men, at the lowest estimate, have not felt enough interest to buy one copy.

Then, when we consider that a large number have bought more than one copy, and that some copies have been sold to those who are not students, it seems that hardly more than one-half of the students at the Institute have purchased copies of Technique, notwithstanding the fact that the price was put at the exceedingly low figure of fifty cents. We learn from the editors of Technique that but a small proportion of '88 and '89 have bought copies. Now this gives us a very poor outlook for the continuation of the publication of the annual, since, for the next two years, it will be intrusted to these classes.

Those of the two lower classes who have not invested should do so at once, as the editors desire to settle their accounts as soon as possible.

Copies are on sale at the office of THE Tech, whenever open, and at all other times may be obtained upon application to any one of the board of editors.

WE are encouraged by receiving a few short contributions from members of the Freshman class, and feel that our admonition in the last number was not entirely in vain. We must, however, receive more contributions than we have yet done to justify us in electing an editor from that class. Contributors should not be discouraged at the non-publication of their articles, which may, for various reasons, be impossible.