HE present number concludes the fifth volume of The Tech. The editors have now laid down their pens, corked their ink-bottles, and the editorial board for ’85–’86 has disbanded. Many of its members now close their official connection with the paper forever; a few will return and resume work with the next volume.

In retiring from the conduct of the paper, the editor takes this last occasion of expressing his thanks to those who have assisted him during the year; to the contributors, whose timely contributions have saved him many an anxious hour when short of copy for the next number; to members of the Faculty, for the kind interest which they have shown in The Tech; and especially to Professors Drown, Nichols, and Atkinson, for the material and valuable aid which they have rendered; and last, and most of all, to the assistant editors.

It is unfortunate that it has become, or rather has been ever since The Tech was started, the duty of the assistant editors not only to do their regular editorial work, but also to supply the literary matter for the paper. It is always the aim of the editor to procure as many long articles as possible from outside sources, and thus avoid the necessity of calling upon his assistants. Consequently a considerable number of contributions are generally obtained, in most cases from his friends, but never without his personal solicitation.

The voluntary contributions which we should find in our mail-box, when we open it in the morning, are not forthcoming. Now this is not as it it should be. The reasons why every student at the Institute should write for The Tech have been set forth time and time again, so we will not bore our readers with a repetition.

Some will probably mentally remark, “Chestnuts,” at what has already been written; but we write this not from pleasure, nor merely to fill space, but because we think that the future welfare of The Tech demands it.

It is a matter of fact that the number of voluntary contributions during a year can be counted on the fingers of the two hands. Yet every one of its subscribers feels an interest in the paper, and takes pride in its successes, and credit in being one of its supporters. Does not the credit, now, belong to the editorial board alone?

The present year has, on the whole, been a successful one for The Tech. Its financial condition has been good, and thereby enabled us to make improvements.

During the year the size has been increased from fourteen to sixteen, and finally to eighteen pages. A prominent feature of The Tech during the present year has been its poetry, which has been quite extensively clipped. We also in this volume introduced the innovation into college journalism of publishing a series of illustrated descriptive articles, and a continued story