was well received. And in laying down our pens, we do so with the knowledge that The Tech will be in good hands next year, and only hope that subscribers will take a little more practical interest in it by contributing now and then; and finally to all, whether you can write or not, our parting injunction.—

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ER year has passed since it has been the duty of The Tech to review the events which it has recorded during that time. The year just passed has been an eventful one in the student life at the Institute,—perhaps the most eventful one in its history. Never before has there been so much enterprise in class, society, or athletic affairs.

Last fall, when we returned from our vacations, the athletic men began to talk about the foot-ball team, as usual, but nobody else thought anything of it. Then they went to work and were largely instrumental in the formation of an intercollegiate foot-ball association with other New England colleges. Students in general then began to take a little more interest in the eleven, but were still suspicious, and subscriptions did not come in so fast as they will next fall. The team was defeated in its first game, and chronic kickers (not on team) said, "I told you so." However, the foot-ball men went into strict training and practiced faithfully, and won the next game, and the next,—and—well, if we did not win the championship, it was on account of that unfortunate day at Springfield. Our magnificent foot-ball team of 1885, and the score, Techs 110, Tufts 0, will never be forgotten.

The next important event of the year was the publication of an annual by the Junior class. It was a good idea, well carried out, and the class of '87 deserved all the credit (and more subscriptions) than they got for it.

All the old societies have been in a prosperous condition during the year, and one new one established. The class societies of '87 and '88 were never in such a flourishing condition as they are now, and the custom bids fair to be adopted by every succeeding class. There used to be a saying that there was no college in the country where there was so little class feeling as at the Institute; this would now become, Where is there a large college where there is so much?

In gymnasium athletics we have deteriorated. The out-door games last fall were among the worst it has ever been our fate to attend, and while the winter games were very successful in a financial way, and the Institute won its share of the prizes, no good records were made. The Institute has always stood high in this form of athletics, but many of the men who had made good records for themselves last year did not return, while others did return did not enter the games this year. This last is something that should be looked after more carefully by the Athletic Club.

In tug-of-war our Freshman team pulled the Harvard champions, and wiped out our defeat of last year. Our base-ball team, however, shows no improvement over the '85; in fact, they show a slight deterioration, for the team of 1885 did win one game, and the team of 1886 has yet to do so. The poor unfortunate nine has now eight consecutive defeats to its discredit, and, worst of all, it has not even a friend, since the Base-Ball Association some time ago threatened to disband it.

One of the most important events of the year was the formation of a Co-operative Society, which now supplies a long-felt want. The Glee Club has not blossomed out so prettily this year as it did last, but the Orchestra has shown more signs of life. The Senior Ball of April 30th was characterized by the presence of as many as twenty-five Seniors! A chess club and banjo club have been organized; a tennis club has been formed, and by the kindness of the Faculty are allowed the use of the lawn between Rogers and Kidder buildings for courts.

Finally, the present Senior class is to have a class day—another innovation. With this fitting conclusion will end an important year in the history of the Massachusetts Institute.