WITH this number

The Tech enters

the sixth year of

its existence. By

the diligent work

of the preceding

boards of editors,

the standard of

The Tech has

been brought to

the front rank of

the college press,

where it shall always be our endeavor to keep it.

Unfortunately an adverse fate has so changed

matters that only one member of the old board

of editors remains on The Tech; and so upon

him and his friends devolves the responsibility

of issuing the first numbers. Never before has

The Tech been so unfortunate, and consequently

never before has it so felt the need of outside

assistance. To all the classes, and more especi-

ally to '89 and '90, we say, there are vacancies

which you must fill.

Our financial outlook is excellent, and there is

every reason to believe that the high standard

of last year may be kept up, and perhaps even

improved upon, if enough interest is taken in it

by the students. Many men think that they

have done all they should do when they sub-

scribe, but such an idea is erroneous. A college

paper is a thing in which every man of the col-

lege should take an especial pride and interest.

He should endeavor to assist it in every way

possible. He should remember that the editors

are only his fellow-students, from whom he is

not separated as he would be from a professional,

but to whom he is bound by every tie of associa-

tion and friendship.

A word here must be said about our cartoons

and pictures. As our former artistic editor, Mr.

Hoppin, who so well filled his position last year,

is among the missing, we must depend entirely

on the students for our drawings; and we trust

that we shall not be disappointed. Surely, in so

large a place as our Tech, there must be many

who can sketch really well. So, all who can
draw at all, we invite most cordially to try to do

something for us and themselves. All drawings

should be made in India ink on white, unruled

paper or bristol-board. Care should be taken

that the ink is ground perfectly black, as, unless

it is, the work will be useless for engraving.

All contributions should be signed, as without

the signature none can be accepted.

Now that our foot-ball team has begun prac-
tice, we shall look forward to an interesting
struggle for the pennant. Never in the history
of the Institute has there been such an interest
taken in any branch of athletics as that shown
last year by the enthusiastic crowds that
attended the championship games. The team
fully merited such support, and we hope that
this year neither the eleven nor number of spec-
tators will be found to have deteriorated.