ITH 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 especially 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 subscribe, but such an idea is erroneous. A college paper is a thing in which every man of the college 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 association 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 practice, 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 spectators will be found to have deteriorated.