powers. These men are sure to be successful in after life, as the qualities which they possess are useful in any condition of life or circumstances.

There is another class of men who should not be forgotten in this discussion. We refer to those who enter into every enterprise with spirit, and help and support the officers in their undertakings. These men are necessary for the success of their leaders, and though standing in the background, are very important factors.

These two classes comprise all those who deserve mention as being responsible for the prosperity of our institutions, and should be recognized as such by all of us.

We clip the following from the *Dartmouth Literary Monthly*:

"I am sure that the men at Tech must lose much that tends to throw a charm and glamour over college life,—those customs and feelings that shut the college from the outside, and make within its little boundaries a world of its own. Of course there are many exceptions, but there seems to be a general spirit of indifference, throughout the institution, of one man toward another. They meet in recitation, and come and go, and that is all. A few close friendships are formed, but there is none of that merry companionship that defies conventionality and restraint. They are bound together by a sympathy of work only; and when that work is ended they scatter, and little is left of the true old college spirit that calls gray-bearded men back from the remotest corners of the earth to the spot where they formed their sincerest friendships, and where the happiest, freest, truest portion of their days was spent."

"There is a delicious vagueness in mentioning "the men at Tech," that makes us uncertain whether the editorial really refers to our Tech or some other Tech. Assuming, however, that we are the Techs meant, we would like to say a few words in reply. The statements made are, as a rule, very just, but it strikes us that they are just a little overdrawn, and that the darker side of our life here is shown up too strongly. We are in no wise differently situated from Columbia, and their college life is not considered so different from that of other colleges. It is true, though, that the great amount of work required here, seldom less than twenty-six hours of recitations and lectures a week, with nearly as much time required outside for preparation, has a sobering influence on the fellows, so that the times when we can all meet together for pleasure, are few and far between. Also, we feel the want of dormitories. But to say that only a few close friendships are formed, and that there is no "merry companionship," is going a little too far. We should say that as many close friendships were formed at the Tech as at any other institution or college in the country; and we feel sure that if the editor of the *Dartmouth Lit.* could only look in on some of the meetings of the societies of '87, '88, and '89, that he would see plenty of "that merry companionship that defies conventionality and restraint."

Taking it all in all, though, the criticism of the *Lit.* is very fair, and we can only regret that we are debared by lack of time and opportunity from the college life. Many of the Techs come here simply to learn their profession, and have but little time for anything else; but they are men just the same as any other college men, and they make as close friendships, and enjoy themselves as much, when they have the time, as any others.

We have recently received a copy of "The Songs of Harvard" which we would like to recommend to any wishing to get the latest book of student songs. All the songs are fresh and pretty, and the book contains none of the old ones which we have heard from our infancy. The book was compiled and published by two Harvard men of the class of '89, and they deserve great credit for their enterprise."