Another department which has been much changed and bettered is the "grind" department. Most of the hits in this are especially good, and to the point.

A new idea has been introduced in the letters from each department. These are very well written, and some of the illustrations accompanying them are especially realistic and lifelike.

Undoubtedly the best features of the book lie in its cuts, the credit of which is mainly due to Messrs. Hoppin and Ray, though the whole Institute has contributed to them, also.

The most serious criticism to be made of it is in regard to its inaccuracies and omissions. Many of these could have been corrected easily; and as a work of this kind is intended as a correct and complete handbook, it is surprising that more care was not displayed here.

In regard to the cover we can say but little, except that we think it is an improvement over last year's. Of course it is impossible, with the present support, to get up anything so handsome and expensive as the leather cover of the Transit, but we think that the editors might have made a better choice.

As a whole we are very much pleased with the work, and consider it a credit alike to its editors, the Class of '88, and the whole Institute.

In the arrangement of the local societies an unfortunate error has taken place, which, however, we learn is not entirely the fault of the editors. This is the putting of the K\(\alpha\)S Society at the head of the Local Societies. As this Society is the youngest one, its place should be last. '89 will do well to look out and not copy this error when it comes her time to issue the Annual.

The number of men who graduate from the Institute has always been small compared with the number who enter each year. This discrepancy is much greater than is usual at other colleges, and the causes which produce it should be analyzed, with a view toward remedying them, if possible. The usual idea is, that the courses of study are so hard as to shut out in time all those except the grinds or exceptionally bright men, and that fewer studies should be included, or the system re-arranged.