RECENT manipulations in the selection of a committee to recommend "Technique" Editors for '90's Board, suggested the following:

It is, unfortunately, absolutely impossible to prevent cliques, and possibly factions, from running, so to speak, a class affair.

Perhaps it is natural that a popular man should be rushed in for office by his following, and in such a case, if he obtains an election, it is only right and just, for it is then purely a majority ruling; but it seems to us wrong, both in principle and result, for a single man to usurp this privilege of the majority, and by simply constituting himself "the first sheep over the fence," force the class to accede to his wishes.

It is, undoubtedly, a man's right, but we question the advisability of a single individual's reading off name after name for nomination. As long as he holds the floor, no others can interpose their candidates; and any one familiar with class-meeting at the Tech. will vouch for the readiness of some "friend of the cause" or innocent suburban anxious for his train, to call out as soon as possible, "I move the nominations be closed." Some may contend, in defense of this, that the class can prevent this result by voting down the motion; but there is a certain inanition about a body of men like this which the energy of the few who have the best interests of a class at heart cannot overcome before it is too late.

We intend after this to offer a special feature in the forthcoming Techs which we think will prove not only interesting, but also profitable, to our readers. We expect to publish in each number a letter from some of the alumni of the Institute. Although in the main they will be literary, yet we shall not exclude the scientific. This will, in a manner, band together the older and the younger members, and give us an insight into some of the experiences that we may expect after leaving the walls of the M. I. T. The Alumni are a pretty extensive body, and cover a tract embracing the four quarters of the universe, so that the subject-matter may be expected to be as multifarious as the divisions contained within the circumference from which we draw our contributions.

This matter should have been attended to long ago, as it offers a very fertile field; and as long as our immediate members appear so sterile or indifferent,—we are not sure which,—it is necessary to develop some outlying territory, do the entire work ourselves, or announce the struggles ended and the death of The Tech.

THE President's Report of the Institute has come from the press, and is now ready for distribution. It would be well if every student sent a copy to his relatives, for it would give them a thorough idea of the present condition and standing of our institution. It is particularly interesting to note the great increase of students here in the last decade in the department of Industrial Science. From the comparatively small number of 188 students in 1878, the department has grown till now it numbers 720 young men and women. Such an increase is surely the reward of merit, and augurs well for an extremely fruitful and successful future for our Alma Mater.

We have a regulation at the Institute which requires that all lectures and recitations shall end five minutes before the hour, and that the next one shall begin five minutes after the hour; thus allowing the students ten minutes to go from one room to another, or from one building to the other. If this requirement were strictly adhered to there would be a very satisfactory state of affairs; but the professors do not always regard it, and so it often happens that a whole class is late at its next recitation.

We think this could be remedied if the Institute would adopt the custom of the German Universities, where the classes begin their work a quarter after the hour and end exactly on the hour. To be sure, this would be a longer inter-