The Tech.

Vol. IX. Boston, January 16, 1890. No. 8.

Published on alternate Thursdays, during the school year, by the students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Board of Editors.
Herbert Emerson Hathaway, '91, Editor-in-Chief.
John Langdon Batchelder, Jr., '90.
Henry Matson Waite, '90.
Elisha Brown Bird, '91.
Theodore Spencer, '91.
Allen French, '92.
Harry Nye Williams, '92.
Frederick Hill Meserve, '92.

Allen French, Secretary.

Harry Nye Williams, Business Manager.

Subscription, $2.00 per year, in advance. Single copies, 15 cts. each.

Frank Wood, Printer, 352 Washington Street, Boston.

HE TECH takes pleasure in announcing to its readers the publication of a number of articles, beginning with this issue, to continue through the year, on the courses of study offered by this Institute. The development, aims, and advantages of the several departments will be presented by the instructors in charge in successive papers of the series. Alumni as well as undergraduates will find these contributions of especial interest.

The opening paper, on the Course in Civil Engineering, by Prof. Geo. F. Swain, appears on another page of this number. Members of Course I., and those who intend to take up that course next year, will find this article valuable and instructive, while students in other courses will be equally interested in those that are to follow. The Tech congratulates itself as well as its readers on this noteworthy addition to its columns.

This number of The Tech is issued at one of the two busiest seasons of the Institute year. The influenza is hardly through with its work of devastation before the apparition of the Semies rises to take its place. It is a hard choice of evils bodily and intellectual. The regular work of the term is over, and those who have but a few months before them can already see the conclusion of what seems, in retrospect, a short four years. For others—a much larger number—the long struggle is but just begun. To the former, examinations are an oft-told story, not so much feared as of old, but commanding no less attention; to the latter, they come with all the terrors of the unknown, enhanced by vivid anticipation.

The examinations in themselves are hardships without the aggravation of their grim reality by this paralyzing fear of the result. The more you allow yourself to be overcome by this nervous dread, the worse off you find yourself when you sit down to the examination paper before you. Enter the lists with a bold front and a resolve to come out with flying colors. Assurance may contribute much to your success. If, however, failure rewards your efforts, remember that there is still a chance to retrieve your fortunes. Go in and win, and may the marks you receive more than satisfy your expectations, and bring you back next term in triumph.