EVERY student at the Institute is interested in its welfare, and nearly every one takes pride in the work that it is doing, and enjoys talking proudly of the excellent education obtained by studying here four years. All the important facts concerning the condition of the Institute, together with much interesting information about its students, both past and present, are to be found in the report annually made by the President to the Corporation. It seems strange that a copy of this report is not allowed to every undergraduate. We are permitted to take catalogues ad libitum, and why a copy of the President's report should be a prize only to be obtained by chance or impudence, is a question which the student mind cannot answer. One catalogue is almost exactly like another, except when the printer is changed, as was the case this year, while every annual report is new and contains statistics that are of interest to every one. As matters now are, however, the men who have good luck, or the other valuable quality mentioned, are the only ones who obtain copies,—the majority are left to long in vain.

To those who have struggled for the advancement of athletics in the Institute, and to all those who are in the least interested in the doings of the Tech. athletic world, it is gratifying to see so many men working for their respective teams. The candidates for the Freshman nine have now been cut down to about twenty men. Ninety-two now has about fifteen men in the field. Aside from these diamond athletes, there are some twenty men who are working for the spring games, and from the present outlook it is safe to assume that some of our track records will be lowered. Never before in the history of the Institute has the gymnasium been so lively at this season of the year. Let the good work go on, and we will soon have records that we can mention above a whisper and not be afraid some one will hear us.

Mass. Institute of Technology, April, 1890.

Inasmuch as death has visited our class, and taken from our midst an esteemed classmate and friend, George Mathewson Starkweather,

RESOLVED,—That we, the Class of Ninety-three, express our great sorrow, and extend to the family so deeply grieved our heartfelt sympathy.

RESOLVED,—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and published in The Tech.

A. Blakeley Smith
Henry A. Morss
Charles Taintor

COMMUNICATIONS.

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EDITOR OF THE TECH:—

At the Harvard Medical School examination papers are numbered, corrected, and marked by instructors who are entirely ignorant as to the writers; are marked with a per cent, and this mark given to the student at a proper time.

Since at Tech. standing is almost entirely dependent upon examinations, would it not be fairer to abolish the "personal equation" from the system of marking? By this, no insinuation of intentional unfairness by the examiners is intended, but we all, instructors and students, know that personality makes a difference, conscious or otherwise, which is unjust, if not unfair, and cannot but result in bitter feeling. And it would be gratifying, or, at least, consoling, to have a less vague system of marks. These changes are to be recommended if only because they would do away with much friction and unpleasant feeling, but they appear to have also intrinsic value. Cannot we then have a uniform and definite system of marking and marks? We respectfully offer the suggestion to the Faculty.

Ada, '91.