Since the present issue brings to an end this volume of The Tech, we may here, by good precedent, take editorial notice of our shortcomings, and outline the promise of the succeeding year. Our valedictory—we do not care to call it our apology—shall be necessarily brief, for the examinations press hard upon every other employment.

The year which has just passed has been, in the case of The Tech, of the nature of an interregnum. The dissolution of the Board of Directors and the withdrawal of a majority of its editors, left the staff of The Tech at the beginning of the year without organization and depleted in numbers. The former need has been but lately remedied; the latter is still unsupplied. Our experiment has been conclusive, in that it has proved that The Tech can be published unencumbered by a Board of Directors. Our regret is, that the time and energy which have been expended by a few might not have been multiplied with a larger and better-organized Board, to the needed improvement of the paper.

For Volume X., however, the prospects are bright. The present editors, with but two exceptions, will resume their work next fall, with a year of added experience, which is sure to tell in the future management of the paper.

In conclusion, we have to thank all those whose courtesy, aid, and appreciation have made possible whatever success we have attained.

It is a convenient time to put forth again the appeal, so often repeated in these columns, for support that shall be more than passive and impersonal. We see yearly the work of this paper carried on by a handful of the students, who, limited in time and opportunities, undertake to make it representative of the school. How far it falls short of that demand its editors unaided are not competent to judge. They cannot escape the conviction, however, that in attempting to raise its standard and extend its field, they undertake a thankless, almost a hopeless task.

It is not the pens of its editors that will in the future make or mar The Tech; it is the attitude and support of the students, of whom it aims to be representative, and by whose encouragement it has been able to continue. If the publication of such a paper as The Tech is a mistake, it is an error that has been strangely perpetuated; if its publication is a good thing, the support it receives should not be half-hearted. In athletics, and especially football, the efforts which have been made have met with generous support, and the Insti-