Many meetings (such as those of the Twentieth Century Club) cannot be generally attended by Tech. men, who consequently lose many instructive and interesting debates, etc.; unless they obtain them through the columns of The Tech.

Then, again, why are our class meetings and mass meetings of all kinds so poorly attended? Cannot a man forego for fifteen or twenty minutes the pleasure of eating, in order to attend a noon meeting, where his presence would do so much towards promoting the college spirit of which we are so much in need?

It is not necessary for us to go further. If we can only get Tech. men to think of these things in this way, they will at once see the thousand and one reasons that have called forth this article, and the course they should adopt, which is briefly stated thus: Loyalty to self and Alma Mater.

The idea of a reception to the Freshman Class by the three other classes of the Institute, is one that we are very sorry to see fall through for lack of support.

It was as good a method as has yet been proposed for creating and fostering that universal class and college spirit which we so earnestly wish to see among us.

It had received the unanimous indorsement of the Senior Class, and its success or failure appeared to rest with '94. We were prepared to lay our arguments in its favor before them, to convince them that this movement was one whose main and only object was to afford the Freshman an opportunity of meeting his fellow-students of the other classes, and also of his own, thereby creating a bond of union that would serve to keep all in active touch with what is going on around them. That they had only to realize that this was an opportunity that the Freshman otherwise could not possibly find, and a most agreeable one: the accomplishment of the object of which he would otherwise have to depend upon chance meetings in the corridors, recitation rooms, or lecture halls to obtain. That they had only to realize these facts to see and appreciate the manifold advantages of this proposition.

That the assessment of fifty cents which was proposed was certainly a moderate one, especially when one considers the benefits which would have come to all of us if the reception had been a success.

That they need not have supposed that it debarred them from their traditional right to match their strength against the Freshmen in the usual manner; the annual football game between the two lower classes will come off as usual, and it will, of course, be followed by the annual "rush." But this animosity could have rested and have been satisfied upon that day.

We were prepared to say, "Let us prove to our Freshmen that it is merely a bit of friendly rivalry, and that '94 joins hands with '92 and '93 in welcoming to Technology the Class of '95. Remember that in that class are, perforce, men who will aid us in every possible way in our struggles in the broad field of athletics; men of whom now, more than ever, we feel the need. Don't let us split ourselves up into two armies, Seniors and Sophomores upon one side and Juniors and Freshmen upon the other, lying in wait to fall upon each other on every occasion." As it seems now, all these remarks would have applied equally well to '93.

This idea of a reception has been tried at Williams, where it was a grand success. It could not possibly have harmed us to try it also; being the first of such attempts at the Institute, we had everything to gain and nothing to lose. It would have afforded a far better opportunity than does the Senior dinner for intercourse among all present, each man being free to walk about "whither he listeth." It was, in short, an occasion for which we have all been looking.