boxes have been urged before in THE TECH, and we deem a repetition of them unnecessary, though a great many have failed to rent boxes contrary to their better judgment which prompts them to do so. The vacation rather forcibly illustrated the practical usefulness of the boxes to students, who, failing to rent them, were unable to obtain their mail except during certain stated hours.

We cannot believe that it is a question of dollars and cents with the average student,—that so long as they can obtain their mail in the old, antiquated way, to them the boxes are a nuisance and not to be considered of any practical use, or that their energy is too greatly needed in other directions for them to make the tiresome trip into the bursar’s office, laboriously count out the amount of the rent and obtain a key.

It is a disgrace to us and a marked lack of appreciation for a useful monument left us, that these boxes are vacant, and students should delay no longer in procuring them.

THE time has come once more for the Sophomore Class to elect a “Technique” Board of Editors, and perhaps a little advice will be read if not heeded. The old method of electing the editors has many points in its favor but it has also points in its disfavor. At a class meeting, held for the purpose, a large number of men have been merely nominated, and later from this list of nominations, has been elected a “Technique’ Electoral Committee” of about twenty-five. This Committee then has a meeting, and elects the Board of Editors.

The Electoral Committee usually, though not necessarily, contains by far the majority of the future Board, thus showing how this Board has been chosen by a gradual weeding out of those members of the class who are considered as unsuitable, or by a concentration of those who are thought to be more fitted than others to do the work. By this means considerable thought and deliberation are undoubtedly brought to bear on the subject, by the very slowness of the process, and thus it would seem as if the best results would be obtained. But the method is a most tedious and slow one and really not productive of better results than might be obtained in an easier and quite as thorough way. For instance, a committee might be elected by the different courses, one man being sent up for every eight or ten and remaining fraction of eight or ten. This committee might be an electoral committee or a nominating committee, as the Class Day Nominating Committee, who shall nominate men for each necessary position, the “Technique” Board then being elected by a general ballot of the class. At all events, it would seem that some better method might be used by ’94 than has heretofore been in use.

It has been a custom, peculiar to the Institute, to bring “Technique” out before Christmas in the Junior Year. The men must have feared they would not be back the second term to finish their work, or why should we bring out an annual in one college year which contains scarcely more than the events of the previous year? Why should not “Technique” be brought out about the end of April and contain all the events for the current year? At least follow the example of ’93 and make no attempt to produce the book during the first term. There will then be no excuse for hurriedly throwing the book together, or for making mistakes in any of its statistics—the most lasting and most important part of “Technique.”

PROPER criticism of the result of the election of the Class-Day Committee was impossible at the time of our last issue, and we were forced to postpone a statement of our opinion of the action of the electors until now. In noting the choice of candidates we cannot but confess to a feeling of disappointment.