welcome to its Board, but he need not come there expecting pecuniary gain. Every cent of The Tech's money goes into The Tech, except what may be given to the various needy organizations throughout the Institute. If there was more money, if there were more subscribers, the paper would be larger, and the great Columbia College success of two weekly papers of over twenty pages each would be repeated. The men of the Institute little know that there was not a single issue last term which could not easily, more easily in fact, have been increased to ten, or twelve, or fourteen pages had our resources warranted the additional expense. This is a point for Technology men to well consider.

It would be good, indeed, if our community could be educated into more appreciation of the work done by the men whose names appear on the title page of this paper. No work in the Institute requires more sacrifice, and none wins less acknowledgement. Think well, you Institute men, the next time a criticism, a harsh word rises to your lips, whether a kind one has ever been there before it; consider well in your indifference whether some praise would be amiss; reflect on the sacrifice of the men who give so much for nothing; and ask yourselves what you have done to help. Reflect, you members of our respected Faculty, whether you co-operate enough in this good work, whether a word of thanks and appreciation given yearly for the paper which is so freely sent you would be out of place. And then when we have all become thus educated, our Editor after he takes full charge next week will not be led to say, as so many have said before him, that no position in Technology is so arduous, so thankless, so devoid of honor, as that of Chief Editor of The Tech.

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"What is the matter with your examination system," asked a friend the other day, "that you men who work so hard during all the term have to grind so at the end?" And we repeat it. What is the matter? The Institute examination system, as it stands today, is a wonderful creation to be sure. In as many days our men are required to pass from eight to thirteen examinations, subject succeeding subject with such rapidity that the best trained brain may well become bewildered. The college man who thinks himself somewhat burdened with his four or five examinations in nearly as many weeks, the law school or medical man, with his two or three, may well look with amazement on our wonderful system and breathe a sigh of relief that he is not included in its boundaries.

But what is the reason even in view of this, that our men who work day and night throughout the term, who would seem therefore to be well prepared, must spend hours and hours in grinding and review, passing from examination room to study table and burning midnight oil with such decided vengeance? Why is it that we hear of this and that man whom we know to approach most nearly of us all to the Faculty's "Average Student" spending a whole night in final preparation?

Two undeniable facts present themselves in answer. The first is the laxity among the students themselves in regard to lecture work, the almost universal tendency to let the work in lecture courses slide until the end. Not strange perhaps in view of the daily requirements of our Institute, but still a matter for the students themselves to regulate.

The second fact regards the examiners. We men of Technology are here to study principles, and to learn where to find, where to look for, the facts we shall need in our after career. And we must protest against this tendency at the Institute to force us to become, before each examination, a temporary encyclopaedia of tables, formula, and bald statements of fact. These are what our students grind up before each and every examination now a days, and these are what they proceed to forget again, only to make room for more to be used at later date.