we were refused admission to a league composed of our old associates.” It is, nevertheless, the only explanation that I was able to get; and I am afraid, if it does not satisfy “the students at large,” that they will have to draw on their imaginations for a better one. That Technology was not “elbowed out by some carefully planned conspiracy, or allowed to slip out by dishonorable tactics,” is self-evident, since we were not members of the league and could not slip out or be elbowed out. The real reason that we were refused admission may or may not be the one given above; whether it is or not is known only by the delegates that were present at the meeting.

In regard to some of the remarks in the letter signed by “R,” which was published in the same number of The Tech, I will only say that any person who resorts to an anonymous letter in order to make personal criticisms is not worthy of any reply or consideration.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD D. CLARKE.

Boston, January 21, 1893.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

With the beginning of this term it will be necessary for the Senior class to come to some definite decision in regard to the question of whether or not the cap and gown would be a suitable and advisable addition to the Class Day exercises. There have been several able communications printed already in your columns showing that, on the one hand the cap and gown would be the correct thing and on the other they would be entirely out of place in an institution of this kind.

It is very true, as was stated in No. 11 of The Tech, that the cap and gown are relics of the custom adopted at the English Universities, and that, looking at the question from a particularly ethical standpoint, there would be an incongruity in applying this custom to the Institute. But deciding this question solely by looking at the needs and requirements, which is generally admitted are many, in order to give to the graduating exercises the proper amount of dignity; how can we find anything which would lend more to the dignity of the occasion? The President of the Class has shown conclusively that the expense would not be more than we could all feel justified in making, if we knew that it would make our last meetings together seem more in the way which we would like to look back upon them in the future.

I would like to ask that President Walker and any of the Faculty, who care to do so, give us the benefit of their opinions through the columns of your paper. I am sure that their views upon the subject will be most valuable to us.

A ’93 MAN.