NOW may we all indeed congratulate ourselves; for Technology is able to run a dance equal, if not superior, to the usual college ball. To one who considers for a moment the condition of social Technology during the past five or six years, the full import of the success of April 4th will come like a revelation. It was not so very many years ago that Tech parties were the delight of Boston maidens, but slowly they became too public. Men, especially those away from home, who did not know good girls to invite, were not careful enough in their choice, and finally such a degenerate state was reached that many hesitated about bringing respectable young ladies to Technology dances. Thus things continued for some time, and thus they seemed destined to continue. This year, however, probably through warning of The Tech, there were no afternoon parties, and owing to Lieutenant Hawthorne the military parties were discontinued. Indeed, it appeared as though that part of Tech life had come to an abrupt ending, and it was hardly likely that affairs would be improved in the future.

At this juncture '94 refused to assume the responsibility of a Junior promenade, dealing the apparent deathblow to any hopes of a successful social revival. But among the Juniors were many who believed that Tech could run a dance of the first order, in spite of discouraging precedents, and of these men five agreed to undertake to prove their belief. This was a hazardous proceeding; for the desirable men would be chary of attending, and a financial loss would seem inevitable. The committee would also risk their popularity if invitations were limited. Nevertheless, an assembly was decided upon as being most unlike any event of the past, yet it was desired to make it as sociable and informal as possible. In spite of innumerable disappointments, the affair was pushed to a happy termination; and now, we say, Technology has established a new precedent, which, let us hope, will influence our dances in the future, and bring to us a feeling of self-respect sufficient to discountenance most strongly any attempt to revive the degenerate condition of the past.

The recent editorial in criticism of the '94 "Technique" needs, perhaps, a word of explanation. For some years it has been the custom for each "Technique" Board in succession to allow an editor of The Tech from the Senior Class opportunity to criticise the