Last the Fair of fairs is over; all the splendor which dazzled even the remote portions of our world is now to be destroyed by the same powers that created it. Beyond the influence which this grand Exposition exerted upon every person,—upon the scientific man, perhaps, more than others,—it marked an epoch in the history of our own Technology, the importance of which few of us seem to have realized.

Early last winter the Northwestern Alumni Association of Chicago, at its annual banquet, undertook in a very enthusiastic manner to give all Technology visitors to the Fair a warm reception. For this purpose, eleven hundred dollars were then and there subscribed to establish and support M. I. T. Headquarters. Suitable rooms were secured on Michigan Avenue, corner of Thirteenth Street. June 1st this suite was thrown open, two students being engaged to take charge of it. Notice of this was sent to nearly all Tech men, The Tech spread the news as far as possible, and yet comparatively few students when in Chicago seemed to avail themselves of this opportunity to meet our alumni and to hold reunions. The Institute Committee appointed Wednesday evening for weekly gatherings at headquarters; but how many men congregated? During the day it was hardly expected that many would visit the rooms, though their windows commanded a magnificent view of Chicago's great driving boulevard. No better situation could possibly have been procured, save for the distance from the Fair grounds. As it was within easy reach of all the depots, cable and L lines, near the business center, and in the prettiest residential part of the city, men should have flocked there. So they would have done, perhaps, save for the fact that most of our students had very limited time in Chicago, so that they stayed near Jackson Park, and spent every moment in the grounds, as a result feeling too tired to ride twelve miles in the evening even to meet old friends. In this way alone can we account for the seeming ingratitude shown our alumni for their friendly advances.

For the past few years we have watched our college spirit grow, this action of the alumni being a most commendable manifestation of its present strength. They were practically the only college graduates to show this regard for their Alma Mater; and we, the ones who are continually deploiring the lack of Tech spirit, seem not to appreciate it.