On Saturday evening, the last of the many pleasant events of Junior Week, the Freshman dinner, took place at Young’s, and Ninety-Seven has cause to be proud of her contribution to the week’s festivities. Enjoyable as an excellent menu, fine music, and witty speeches can make such an occasion, it was also a great success in point of numbers. One hundred and twenty-nine men, twenty-two more than at any previous dinner, were present, and completely filled the large dining hall, which was elaborately decorated with the class flag and colors. After the several courses had been discussed, the toasts of the evening were taken up. With a few well-chosen words the President, Mr. Allen, introduced the Toast Master, Mr. W. Bancroft, who, after expressing his appreciation of the honor of presiding over the largest class dinner in the history of Technology, spoke of the promise of future success that such a display of class spirit gave, and dwelt upon the necessity of the Freshmen supporting the different organizations in the Institute. He then introduced Mr. McCarthy, who ably responded to the toast, “Technology,” and paid a glowing tribute to President Walker and the Faculty. The first musical number, the selections by Ninety-Seven quartet, consisting of Messrs. Baker, Howland, Lamb, and Robinson, after the singers had responded to several encores, was followed by Mr. Allen with a brilliant speech on “The Class.” He spoke of the difficulties the class officers had labored under in trying to arouse proper class spirit, and closed with an appeal to every member of Ninety-Seven to take more interest in the class meetings and the projects to advance the welfare of the class.

More music followed, this time a mandolin and guitar duet by Messrs. Putnam and Schuman, which contributed not a little to the pleasure of the evening. Much disappointment was felt over the absence of Mr. W. T. Parker, who was prevented by illness from speaking upon “Ninety-Seven’s Baseball Prospects.” The next speaker, Mr. Vinton, secured one of the triumphs of the evening in place of Mr. Schuttler, who was unable to be present. He delighted his audience with his treatment of the subject “Hats,” and gave some excellent advice as to the proper places for wearing those useful articles. In order that all might have opportunity to display their vocal powers, Mr. Ilsley sang some of the popular songs, assisted in the choruses by the other men present. Mr. Bragg showed a familiarity with his subject, “The Ladies,” that was marvelous; and so clearly did he classify the ladies that his speech will doubtless have a permanent value, as it throws a great light on that sex which Balzac says, “Even God Almighty himself cannot understand.” Messrs. Lamb and Howland greatly pleased the audience with the popular song “Susan Brown.” Mr. Potter then spoke on the pains and pleasures of drill, and in the course of his remarks related several good stories. Mr. Baker sang an original composition in praise of the professors and instructors in Freshman year, and after the class and M. I. T. yells had been given, the meeting broke up, and the last of the festivities of Junior week was over.

Too much praise cannot be given to the members of the Dinner Committee, for to the efforts of Messrs. Ilsley, Vinton, Potter, Pope, and J. Bancroft was due the fact that ’97 made a showing worthy of herself and of Technology.