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officers, as a whole, could not be said to possess the confidence of their classmates; and their record in athletics, embracing a representation on the track by only two members and two crushing defeats by Ninety-six, is too well remembered to need repetition. Now is their opportunity. Ninety-eight seems full of vigor, and if the Sophomores will only give evidence of a little life, they have a good prospect of redeeming themselves.

The Varsity Football Team begins its annual struggle this year with every assurance of a successful season. Although three men of last year's eleven, Curtis, Andrews, and Simonds, will not be in the field again, new men have arrived, and the old men show the advantage of a year's experience.

The line will undoubtedly be stronger than last year. Whiting, who played guard on the '96 eleven, has been placed at tackle, and to good advantage, for his weight is much needed near the end of the line.

The center is probably the strong point in the team with Manahan at that position. McCormick, '97, Le Moins, '98, and Worcester, '97, are strong men at guard. Several men are trying for end, among whom Swift, Parker, and Rawson are doing the best work.

The greatest changes will take place behind the line. The loss of Curtis has obliged Capt. Thomas to play half, while Mansfield, captain of last year's Freshman eleven, is playing quarter. Mansfield's work is good on the whole, but his passing for kicks is rather uncertain. Underwood has been doing creditable work at full back, and will probably give up his old position at end. The general work of the backs has been only fair, but with the return of Rockwell and Hayden it will improve rapidly.

The Freshman class is not only a large one, but also its members in size and development are apparently above the average of the men who enter Technology. This is distinctly a point in its favor, inasmuch as the work required is much more severe than that in other colleges, and the number of men who have a strong physique at graduation is consequently smaller. In any college the proportion of men entering directly into athletics is small; the remainder pursues its course with scarcely a thought of physical condition. As a result of this state of affairs, no small percentage of men allow their constitutions to become weakened, almost without their knowledge. In view of this fact the importance of continuous gymnasium practice cannot be too strongly brought before Ninety-eight. With the large number of new lockers in the gymnasium, it is entirely possible for each man to provide for himself in that direction. The college period of a man's life is one in which exercise in any form is not to be regarded merely as a pleasure but as a necessity.

The Lounger.

"Who is this Lounger, anyway?"
The Freshman vainly cried.
"He follows me where I go,
And never leaves my side."

"I know him not," the Soph replied,
"Though me he saved from wreck;
But if you follow his advice
You're safe to get through Tech."

S. L. H.

Light and Shade.

I stood with her on deck, and watched
The search light overhead;
"We ought to hug the shore, and turn
The light inland," I said.

She arched smiled, the winsome maid,
And turned aside her head;
"I think it's wrong to light it up
While being hugged," she said.

—Trinity Tablet.