T may be a time-worn subject, but it has again become necessary to bring to mind the need of a better Technology pin; and judging from the inquiries that have come to our ears this fall, and the faults found in the design and makeup of the old triangular pin, it is advisable for the Institute Committee to call once more for designs. The previous competitions were unsuccessful from the lack of experience of the designers. Too many attempts at color arrangement were made, and too little attention was given to the form and proportion of parts, so that reproduction in metals was impossible. The response to the call last year was excellent, but ineffectual, for the reason which we have given.

Now that the subject has been brought before Technology early in the year, there ought to be a sufficient amount of interest to induce men to put more time and care upon the matter. From the number of consequent suitable drawings a pin may be chosen which will be satisfactory to the majority. Doubtless with the beginning of work for the year by the Institute Committee a formal competition will be opened. No prize will be offered; a pride in Technology should be sufficient to produce a hearty co-operation.

The new measuring apparatus for the torsion machine in the Engineering Laboratories has been completed. The apparatus was designed by Professor Miller, and is intended to measure the arc of twist of materials under test. By two telescopes at a known distance apart, fixed at right angles to the shaft, readings may be obtained from a graduated scale forty-five feet from the machine. The telescopes are powerful, and afford readings to one hundredth of an inch. The device was tested a few days ago, and was found to be very accurate.

Ira Allen Nay, '95, has left Technology.
Guy Lowell, '94, is studying architecture abroad.
H. E. Hewitt, '94, is attending the Chicago University.
G. P. Lawson, '96, will return to Technology next term.
A. G. Farwell, '93, Course VI., is studying music in Boston.

Three of the officers of the Freshman Class are from Boston.
The Freshman Battalion was measured for uniforms last week.
There is a Record Cup for C. H. Parker in The Tech office.
C. F. Richmond, ex-'97, is in the Sophomore class at Amherst.
Rumery, '98, broke the cross-country record in a trial run last week.
A subscription has already been received for the '96 "Technique."
J. W. Ames, '95, is with McKim, Meade & White, of New York City.
Nelson Wrightington, II., '94, is drafting for Curtis Davis & Co., Cambridgeport.

Some of the Senior Mechanicals have already begun work on their theses.
The Senior Mechanicals have challenged the Senior Electricals to a game of football.
Notes on Lecture III., military tactics, may now be obtained at Captain Bigelow's office.
The Varsity eleven was compelled to play Williams, on Wednesday, in a heavy rain.