Certainly in the number of events, it will be a season when the social side of Technology life shall receive its due share of attention; it will present a series of undertakings which may well prove attractive to our friends, and will give an idea of scientific education which, to say the least, will be satisfactory, if not in every way truthful.

The Senior photographic committee have chosen Hastings as the class photographer for this year. The choice was made only after careful deliberation, and all who are acquainted with Hastings' work feel sure that it will be done in the best possible manner. It devolves now upon the Seniors to sit for their photographs as soon as possible, in order that the committee may pursue their work to the best advantage. Many remember the difficulty experienced by the photographic committee of last year in overcoming the unusual modesty of Ninety-four, and the fervid appeals through the columns of THE TECH which were necessary to induce them to be photographed. Notwithstanding, several men failed to get into the "Portfolio" at all, and many of the reproductions which appeared were not as successful as they might have been had the committee not encountered such discouraging delays. Every Senior should remember that the success of Ninety-five's "Portfolio" requires that he embrace the first opportunity to sit for his photograph at Hastings'.

The Difference of a Tense.
Of all the strange anomalies,
To me the strangest sounds,
That while Tech has so many grinds,
She hasn't any grounds.

A Medley.
O woman, in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
But seen too oft, familiar with thy face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

Communications.

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To the Editors of THE TECH:

It may be deemed almost unwarrantable to presume to offer a suggestion in regard to the make-up of a course at Technology, especially in one which has been arranged so evidently with a deal of care and of wisdom as has Course XI. Yet there has been so much dissatisfaction expressed by the men of this Course, principally in the Third Year, over the shortness of the time allotted to laboratory work, and the much greater prominence given to drawing and certain engineering subjects, that it would seem well to bring the attention of the proper authorities to the matter,—either to demonstrate that the present system is practically the most beneficial, or to make some change for the better. The fact that only two hours a week are granted to the Course for Sanitary Laboratory, a subject so peculiarly in line with the profession of a Sanitary Engineer, while a much greater period is given to other subjects of minor importance, even to language work, would seem to offer an opportunity for discussion if not for alteration. Course VII. men, for instance, have been assigned six hours of laboratory in this subject,—an amount of time which if necessary for Biologists, is equally important to men in the course to which we have referred. It is unfortunate that Course XI., so perfectly arranged in other respects, should be at fault in this particular.

Course XI.

To the Editors of THE TECH:

In a recent issue of the TECH you reported the fact that the Class of '98 had voted to have no wine at their class dinner, and spoke of it as a childish move which should not be repeated.* I hoped some one else would answer this; but as no one has done so I wish to let it be known that there are some, and I believe not a few, who consider the action to be wise, and worthy of adoption by other classes.

All respectable men, whether they practice temperance or total abstinence, can have but one opinion about drunkenness. Now, it is a well-known fact that few class dinners occur at which there are not cases of