The following item from the Brown Daily Herald, predicting Brown's defeat in the team race, is one of several of a similar nature which occasionally appear in the Brown publications: "Taking into consideration the fact that M. I. T. is principally a graduate institution, and that a large portion of her 2,000 students are athletes from other colleges, and consequently of long and efficient training, there seems ample ground for this belief."...

Of course Brown students find these soothing apologies more pleasant than a mere detail of facts; but they are exceedingly exasperating to Technology men who have worked hard and perseveringly to bring their college to her present position in the athletic field. The Herald might have ascertained, had it taken the trouble to investigate, that every man who ran in the relay race against Brown is an athletic product of Technology alone; and in fact not one of the men who entered the games from Technology ever attended any other collegiate institution. It is also true that of the thirty-eight points won by Technology at Worcester last Spring, every one without exception was won by men not one of whom was a college graduate, and all received their athletic training at the Institute. Indeed, it would be within bounds to say that not half a dozen points in the last four or five years, the brightest in our athletic history, have been won for Technology by graduate students. It is only charitable to suppose that the Herald was mistaken about our athletic status, and had no intention to mislead its readers. However, it would seem much more sportsmanlike to offer no excuses at all, but if these are necessary to sustain the drooping spirits of the sons of Brown, they should have at least some basis in fact.

We are sorry to announce the temporary resignation of Mr. Reginald Norris, '96, from The Tech Board. His duties as President of L'Avenir, in the work of presenting "La Cigale," together with the stress of Junior subjects, has necessitated the step.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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To the Editors of The Tech:—

There are always men in a class who will not abide by the decision of the majority, no matter how overwhelming this may be. The Class of Ninety-eight seems, at present, to be possessed with several such persons, and they are trying their utmost to make it unpleasant for the whole class, and expose it to further ridicule and criticism.

It is unwise to express again an opinion on the advisability of having wine at the Freshman Dinner, but the opportunity to express a contempt for men who will not accept defeat, but continue to make trouble in their class, should scarcely be omitted.

At the first meeting, in which this subject was discussed, the vote was nearly unanimous in favor of having no wine at the Dinner.

The second meeting, which was called by the men who were either absent from the first meeting, or, there, and were afraid to utter their opinions, resulted in a vote of seventy-five to fifteen, upholding the former action of the class.

Again these same men petitioned for another meeting to discuss this same subject, but at the last moment it was fortunately withdrawn. It would seem, then, that the class should either make rules to prohibit such proceedings, or enlarge the number of men required to call the meeting. It is to be hoped that the Freshmen, in the future, will have more forethought and better judgment than they have of late exhibited.

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To the Editors of The Tech:—

The prominence of "Lost" notices on the Bulletin Board, as well as the many complaints which have lately reached our ears, lead us to speak of a very unpleasant matter. Since the beginning of the new term the number of books which have "mysteriously" disappeared from their owners in the Class of '98, has been incredibly large. Students, in several cases, have carelessly left books in recitation rooms, and going back for their property, have found them gone, nor could assiduous search or advertising discover the whereabouts of the lost articles. There is but one solution of this problem, we fear, and that is that there must be an element existent in the Freshman Class