pity that there should be excellent players at college who refuse to play when the positions for which they are peculiarly fitted are now the weakest on the entire eleven, and have been filled only with extreme difficulty.

The fund of material from which the team has been drawn has been indeed small, and the withdrawal of these old players is keenly felt. The practice during the past week was also hampered by the absence of regular members of the eleven. Nothing can be more discouraging to the captain than this real or apparent neglect of the work, and half-hearted support. In order to win success this year there must be hard practice and conscientious training. If every man does his duty the team will establish a record of which Technology may well be proud.

Upon Ninety-nine The Tech desires to urge the prime importance of early representation upon its Board. With an unusually large number of men, and with a constantly increasing list of interests and undertakings, the complete record and announcement of class events becomes more and more necessary, and, indeed, more difficult unless the Board is able to depend upon the men of the class themselves to advance the news items. Too often in the past, the lack of suitable acknowledgment, and the apparent disinterest of the editors in the Freshman classes, have been directly due to the men of those classes themselves.

The Editor in Chief will meet personally any man in Ninety-nine, or in the college at large, who desires to try for the Board, on Saturdays throughout the term at twelve o’clock. For the benefit of all, we will state that locals are particularly desirable, and constitute the first line of effort. Upon once entering into the competition for places on the Board, a personal interest in the work of every man will be taken and the chairman will stand ready to assist him in whatever way may be possible. Ninety-seven and Ninety-eight have still fresh laurels to win in the editorial field, and we would advise a hearty co-operation on the part of each class. Ninety-seven will soon be called upon to take the place of Ninety-six, and Ninety-eight that of Ninety-seven. The necessity for further representation is apparent.

In an editorial of last week we referred to the high intellectual training which might be obtained at a technical institution when those in charge were themselves men of broad and liberal culture. It is true, however, that here, as well as elsewhere, the student himself must be responsible for whatever of benefit he derives from his college course. In illustration of our statement, The Tech feels that it can do no better than to quote from an excellent article by E. L. Hall in the September number of The Bachelor of Arts:—

To a young man who is filled with a noble enthusiasm for study and learning, with high aspirations and noble ambitions, every American university will afford ample opportunity.

As Matthew Arnold says:—

‘The seeds of godlike power are in us still;  
Gods are we, bards, saints, heroes, if we will.’

In the youth is the true university; and unless our boy carries to college a high spirit, a love of the beautiful, a desire for all things true and precious, he will not find them there to be forced upon him. He will find a splendid opportunity, that is all.

In the September number of The Harvard Graduates’ Magazine, always, by the way, a model college periodical both for literary skill and for excellent make-up, there is an exceedingly interesting and timely contribution in the department entitled “From a Graduate’s Window,” in which the author makes a vigorous plea for the use of English both in collegiate ceremonies and for mural inscriptions. With all respect for the cherished memories of the Past, when Latin was the language of all educated men, the author believes the tradition now outgrown. Nor does the use of Latin add one whit to the dignity of any address. Concerning the two methods of pronunciation, the “wany-weedy-weeky”