THE Ninety-seven "Technique" Board, following the example of its predecessors, has endeavored to draw out latent talent in the lower classmen by liberal prizes for best individual effort in various directions, literary, musical, and artistic. It is to be hoped that every Technology man will give his hearty support to our college annual and do all in his power to make its success greater than ever before.

The prevalence of many unfortunate impressions in regard to the work and methods pursued at Technology leads us to comment upon the well-intended, though misdirected, editorial which appeared early last week in the columns of the Boston Herald. The writer was evidently deeply impressed by the high standard of excellence required of our students as a prerequisite for graduation, and either through over-enthusiasm, or lack of proper information, allowed himself to be led into statements which are open to severe criticism.

The following paragraph fairly represents the tenor of the article:—

The Freshman class every year is like a Scotch pudding. It contains young men of all sorts and conditions, some of whom are prepared to enter upon hard work, and will remain, but a large proportion of whom are unequal to the schedule before them. Within six months after the Freshman year begins, a class of 400 will be sifted down to one half.

Nothing could have been further from the truth than was this paragraph, as is shown by the fact that President Walker, in a letter to the Herald correcting some of the misstatements made, said that the number of students actually requested to leave the Institute last year was eight!

Again: great stress was laid upon the importance of passing examinations, and upon the severe mental strain required of a student in maintaining his work, the writer evidently being unaware of the importance attached by the Faculty to good daily records, or of the special and five-year courses arranged for students finding it inadvisable to take the maximum amount of work.

While we thank the Herald for its good intentions, and for its expression of unqualified respect for our institution, we feel that the publication of such an article tends only to further distort the imperfect image of Technology in the eyes of those unacquainted with her, and we sincerely regret the appearance of a sketch as overdrawn and unreliable as the one which lately marred its pages.

The famous and historic old University of Virginia is receiving, as it certainly deserves, a wide-spread sympathy in its recent severe loss by fire. In the destruction of its chief building, the University has lost an honored monument to the genius of Thomas Jefferson. Among the many distinguished alumni and professors whose portraits adorned its celebrated library, not the least was one of our founder and first President, William Barton Rogers, who for nearly twenty years was a member of its Faculty.

The Brown-Dartmouth game at Providence on Thanksgiving Day bids fair to be one of the closest and most exciting contests of the season. Brown's pretty work against Yale two weeks ago and the winning by Dartmouth of the championship from Amherst and Williams shows that both teams are capable of good football. If they are in good condition, nothing but the closest kind of a battle may be expected.