to engineering students of a liberal education is thoroughly appreciated by a journal which occupies so high a rank among technical publications.

The following editorial from the *Columbia Literary Monthly* for December carries a much-needed lesson with it:

The man who enters Columbia this fall must not think that he is getting the most out of his University education if he simply does the work that his professors give him and which counts for his degree. Of course that ought to be the main thing for which we come to college, but it ought not to be everything. Looking at it from a purely selfish point of view, it is to each man’s advantage to identify himself with at least one of the college interests, and do good conscientious work to make it a success.

Perhaps the most important benefit which one gets from these interests is the ability to stand up and do his best when others are depending on him. If a man flunks an examination, it is something which concerns himself alone; he does not pull anybody down with him. But the man who sings out of tune in a concert, or breaks down in a debate, is not only answerable to himself, not even only to his glee club or crew, or literary society, but to the whole of the great university which he is in a way representing. When a man has learned to do his best work under such conditions he has got something which no course in the curriculum can teach him.

If Technology men would only take these things to heart, if each of them would indeed “identify himself with one of the college interests, and do good conscientious work to make it a success”, not only would Technology organizations, literary, social, and athletic, flourish as never before, but the men themselves would be greatly benefited in breadth, in readiness, in self-reliance,—in those qualities which go further to insure success in life than formulae and rules.

With the date set for the Freshman dinner close at hand, *The Tech* wishes to urge upon each member of the Class of ’99 the importance of giving his hearty support to this affair. Much of the pleasure of college life is lost by a man who, by his own indifference, shuts himself off from the acquaintance and friendship of his classmates. The class dinner, offering to each man, as it does, an opportunity of meeting his fellows on an entirely different plane from that of the recitation room or even the class meeting, should have the support of all thoughtful students, and we trust that the initial dinner of ’99 will have a large attendance, and meet with the success which it deserves.

A number of complaints reached us last term about the condition of the apparatus in the Gymnasium. It seems that many of the machines, the jumping-standards, for instance, were habitually out of order. Much inconvenience was caused by broken weights, and the absence of a leather-covered shot has interfered seriously at times with the training of weight throwers. It is unfortunate that the value of an excellent gymnasium should be impaired by a lack of attention to these details.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Editors of *The Tech*, held on January 13th, officers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. Howard was chosen Editor in Chief and Mr. Winslow, Assistant Editor in Chief. Mr. Willis was re-elected as Secretary and Mr. Strickland as Business Manager.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring Editor in Chief, which should be echoed by the whole student body. No man has ever worked harder for *The Tech* and for Technology than Mr. Hyde, and those who are now to conduct the paper will feel proud indeed if they are able to equal the success which has been achieved by the Editors of Ninety-six under his guidance.

With the passing of *The Tech* into the hands of Ninety-seven comes the desire on the part of the Editors to hold to all that has been good in the paper of old, and to add such new features during the coming year as shall make it of more interest to the Faculty, Alumni, and students of the Institute. To this end, through the kind co-operation of