an unenviable reputation for superficiality and “paper” degrees. “We have lost in depth what we have gained in breadth” by our all-embracing lines of study.

We are glad to learn that at the annual meeting of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, on Wednesday evening, March 18th, Professor Geo. F. Swain was elected President of the society for the coming year.

The advance sales of tickets for the lecture course in aid of the French and German societies have not been as large as was expected. It will be unfortunate if the debts of the clubs are not paid off at this time, and Institute men should realize that a responsibility for the maintenance of Technology credit rests upon them individually. A small attendance at these lectures will indeed be but a poor recognition of the generosity and public spirit of the lecturers. We hope that many who have not yet purchased tickets will see not only the need of assisting L’Avenir and Der Deutsche Verein but also the great profit and entertainment accruing to themselves from an attendance at the rest of the lectures.

We trust that the Junior Week plays will be well supported. In order that the management may go on in their preparations with confidence, it is absolutely necessary that the larger part of the house should be sold at an early date. The fact that one of the plays is an Institute play, written for the occasion, and that the other introduces songs of Technology interest, words and music written by Technology men, should make every loyal student resolve to go and do all in his power to give them the reception they merit. Not every man can be an athlete and add the laurels of physical prowess to the honor of his college; not every man can sing or play in the musical organizations; not every man can aid by acting in the plays; but every man can give aid financially, and by his presence make an enterprise like the Junior Week plays a success.

In view of the constantly increasing size of the afternoon gymnasium classes, and the growing enthusiasm evinced by the students for individual physical training, we feel that the article by Mr. Boos on the German System of Gymnastics, beginning in this number, may prove of interest to those who have already availed themselves of the privileges of the “Gym,” and serve as well to enlist others in the cause of athletics at Technology.

We announce with sincere regret the resignation from the Board of Editors of The Tech of Mr. Ralph Spelman Whiting, for whose efficient covering of the Architectural Department, during the past year, we are deeply indebted.

Professor Burton, whose presence we have all missed during the last six weeks, will probably soon be with us again. Since we saw him last he has taken a trip to Switzerland, whence he returns with his two sons, we trust, greatly refreshed, and ready to resume the work which Mr. Robbins has so ably conducted during his absence. All Technology men will extend a hearty welcome to him who has ever been their kind and genial helper.

The record of 4 seconds made by Mr. Grosvenor, ’98, in the 35-yard dash at the Indoor meet, turns out to be, not only a World’s record but a new World’s record. The best previous time was 4.5 seconds made by F. W. Lord, Dec. 15, 1892. Mr. Grosvenor’s timers were men well-known in athletic circles, and there can be no doubt but that the record will be accepted. Technology is proud of her new sprinter and congratulates him.