ONLY once in four years comes the chance of a torch-light parade, and we hope that no Technology man will blame himself too late for having failed to take in the one this year. Ninety-six men looked back on that of '92 as one of the jolliest times of their whole college course. Not only for his own sake every man should turn out, but also in order that Technology may be adequately represented. The prospect is that Harvard will have nearly two thousand men in line, and we must work hard not to make a poor showing in comparison. Besides a large number of men in the body of the procession, floats and barges are needed to make up an interesting division. Many of our organizations ought to arrange such features. For one, the Board of Editors of The Tech pledge themselves to do so.

HE rapid increase of new societies along with the decay of existing organizations seems to call for a note of warning. The debts incurred in '95 by L'Avenir and Der Deutsche Verein are still a blot upon Technology. A portion of the money due was raised last year, and L'Avenir, we believe, has already begun its meetings for the present season.

It seems that in these directions there is sufficient outlet for any superfluous energy, and the old societies ought surely to be put upon their feet before new ones are formed, which may perhaps have as long lists of members and as few willing to attend meetings, as large debts and as slender purses to pay them. If a definite need for a new society exists, well and good. The more successful societies the better. But the promoters of new schemes should make sure that the need does exist, and that it is in their power to meet it successfully.

A RECENT issue of the Harvard Crimson contains a call for an open meeting under the direction of the Student Volunteer Committee. The Committee is composed of students, and its object is the direction of charitable and philanthropic work carried on by undergraduates. The Crimson says: "It has been estimated that last year one man in every eight was engaged in some philanthropic work." As justly remarked, this is sufficient to disprove the "charge of Harvard self-sufficiency and indifference." There is no reason why similar work should not be done at the Institute; opportunities are certainly abundant. It is often charged that college men are not in touch with the world; and while the Institute is, perhaps, less open to such a charge than most colleges, still, it is very true that we do not take advantage of all our opportunities. Students in-