lover of true amateur sport in its strictest sense. That this man has just left Harvard for his home in England, with a “send off” worthy of a prince, is a good testimonial that men of his sort, although rare, can be appreciated when found. Mr. Lehman, the Oxford coach, has just completed his fall work with the Harvard crew, for which he has refused all remuneration, even declining to take money with which to cover his expenses. At the meeting held last week in his honor, the most enthusiastic athletic gathering of graduates and undergraduates which Harvard has seen for many years, he was cheered to the echo, both before and after his inspiring speech as to the encouraging outlook for Harvard rowing affairs. He has materially altered certain details in the construction of the boat as well as in the present style of rowing at Harvard, and when he comes back next spring to continue his work, he may rest assured that both he and his methods will receive the hearty support of the University.

Mr. Lehman is an accomplished oarsman himself, being a member of the champion Leander Crew, which defeated Yale last year at Henley, and his free-hearted action in crossing the water and in rendering his services gratis, should stand as a constant reproach to our American degraded system of professional coaching.

At the end of the present term, the members of the Freshman Class will be called upon by the Secretary to choose which course they wish to pursue. A fair proportion of the men who come to the Institute have already chosen their line of work, but many are undecided, and some have no particular preference. Although the choice made at this time need by no means be final, since it can be changed at the end of the year by a small amount, or at the end of the second year by a somewhat larger amount of extra work, it is of great advantage to a man to make the proper choice in the beginning.

For a man who is equally prepared to enter any of the courses, preference and individual fitness should be the ruling motive.

It must be borne in mind, however, that although the studies of each department are adapted to the needs of men wishing to take up certain lines of work, the Institute endeavors to give each man an education in the truest sense of the word, and so to train his habits of thought and action that he is fitted for almost any occupation. That this is accomplished, is shown by the fact that many of our alumni hold prominent positions in lines of work more closely connected with other courses than the one in which they graduated.

Our Freshmen, through their drill committee, have begun to make arrangements for their annual Spring Drill, and indications seem now to point toward the holding of an intercollegiate contest such as ’99 so successfully carried through last year. Nineteen hundred should keep well in mind that in undertaking such an enterprise she is not only working for her own glory, but that in such a competitive contest, participated in by other colleges, the honor of Technology is at stake. Both ’99 and ’98 have set a hot pace as regards proficiency in military drill, and before starting in on this matter, 1900 should distinctly understand that should she lose through any lack of the most earnest effort, the disgrace will be very great.

At the Alumni dinner last Saturday, President Walker characterized the bequest of the Hon. Henry L. Pierce as doubly welcome on account of the giver, and trebly so from its opportuneness. Nothing, he said, had yet been done by those in authority, but he had strong hopes that this sum of money might make the new building an accomplished fact. May this hope be better grounded than those of the past!