The Editors of The Tech take great pleasure in dedicating this number to the Class of '99. At this period of the Sophomore year, with the election of its "Technique" Board, the Class begins to take its share in those larger Institute affairs in whose leadership it is to be pre-eminent next season. In the management of its drill and athletic affairs, '99 has shown a marked ability which we feel sure will continue to be still further manifest. What is more important, however, the Class is distinguished by an absence of petty politics, and by a genuine public spirit which we hope for the good of Technology may never suffer diminution.

The annual report of the Alumni Association is at hand and is decidedly an encouraging one. It is stated that while "in the annual report a year ago it was said that the year had been one of unusual activity and interest," "that is fortunately still more the case for the year just ended." The most important business of the Executive Committee was the initial work leading to the establishment of the Technology Club, and the success of these labors has exceeded their most sanguine anticipations. The Committee on the School reports progress on the same high standard which has made for Technology a reputation throughout the world, and adds that "there should be no doubt that as our Alumni advance in influence and wealth, the matter of lack of funds, which has so hampered the progression of the Institute in even more advanced lines of science, will be overcome."

The condition of the Gymnasium is especially called to the notice of the Alumni. It is the opinion of the Committee "that if there is any department in the school which needs the earnest support and interest of the Alumni it is the department of physical training. An attractive gymnasium, under good management, would certainly tend to improve the physical condition of the students, and would also tend, in a certain way, to bring about a closer college feeling, of the lack of which we often hear. We, therefore, urge upon the Alumni the necessity of taking some steps to secure for the Institute a gymnasium, and a development of its department of Physical Culture to a par with the general standing of the other departments."

A special circular enclosed with the report calls attention to the "Life and Letters of William Barton Rogers," of which an account was given in these columns. This vitally interesting work to all Institute men is published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for $4, and discounts can be obtained on this price from most booksellers.