when we received our semi-annual love letter from the Secretary, and our billet-doux (billet est due) from the Bursar. But such things do not worry us long, so again we are back, more firmly united in class spirit and ready to support '99. And when we shall have finished our course here at the Institute, successfully or otherwise, and have entered and passed through our future careers, we shall still have the remembrance of this, our former life to make us content. For as Thomas Moore says,—

"When time who steals our years away,
Shall steal our pleasures too,
The memory of the past shall stay,
And half our joys renew."

SPEECH OF MR. SHEAK IN RESPONSE TO "THE TECH."

Classmates, I consider it an honor to be a representative of The Tech; but I consider still a greater honor to be one of your representatives on The Tech. It is not my intention in the time that has been allotted me to speak of our subscriptions or finances. It shall be my endeavor, however, to point out to you the exact policy of our paper and your responsibility toward it. The aim of The Tech has always been one and the same, and that is to further those interests that shall be most beneficial to the student body at large. In furthering those interests it is natural that it should seek those channels by which it may come directly in contact with the entire Institute,—Faculty, Alumni, and Undergraduates.

We have received the hearty and generous co-operation of the Faculty, and those members who are heads of departments have especially aided us by the news which they have contributed. The Tech is making unceasing efforts to obtain Alumni Notes, by means of which it hopes to arouse the dormant interest for Alma Mater in the graduates. We have succeeded to a certain extent and feel confident of still greater success.

To the Faculty and Alumni The Tech extends its most heartfelt thanks for past favors and sincerely hopes for their continuance. To the undergraduates The Tech owes what success it has attained, but is that success in keeping with the privileges which are granted you here at this Institute? You have responded generously as a class in regard to subscriptions; but what we need most is your unprejudiced criticisms. Criticisms by which we may see our failings, and thereby have an opportunity to correct them.

The Tech stands ever ready to help those organizations or schemes by which the social life at the Institute may be augmented; but it cannot do so unless it has your hearty and whole-souled co-operation.

In closing, let me make an appeal in behalf of the editors. An appeal for every man in this class who thinks he has any literary ability, to try for The Tech Board. The success of the paper for the next two years depends, to a great extent, upon the Class of '99. Shall we accept this heritage, or shall we refuse it?

Class Day Officers.

The following men were elected as the Class Day Officers of '97 last Thursday. First Marshal, H. A. Noble; Second Marshal, H. W. Allen; Third Marshal, P. L. Dougherty; Historian, H. W. Ballou; Orator, H. D. Hunt; poet, S. L. Howard; Prophet, A. W. Jackson; Statistician, J. A. Collins, Jr.; Class Day Committee, T. C. Atwood, C. W. Bradlee, W. H. Cutter, O. H. Gray, E. M. Hawkins, E. H. Howard, A. C. Lamb, F. N. LeBaron, G. H. McCarthy, W. O. Sawtelle, C. Schuttler, and T. R. Weymouth. The amendments reducing the number necessary for amending the constitution to one third, and raising the two dollar limit placed upon assessments, failed to pass.