THE Class of '98 is to be congratulated on a Junior Week as eminently successful as any of those which have preceded it. A "Technique" which ranks with the best, a play and concert showing a distinct advance over last year, and a Prom. more heartily supported by the Junior Class than any in the past, are some of the achievements of the week; and we can settle down to the month's work which remains before the finals with a host of pleasant memories to cheer our labors.

The result of the Relay Races at Philadelphia was, of course, a severe disappointment to Tech., but nevertheless it is obvious that our men ran a good race, as the time was very fast indeed. Of course the members of the team feel the failure most keenly, as they were confident of winning, as was indeed almost everyone at the Institute. But the defeat should not be allowed to cast a shadow over our prospects in the future; rather, let it be an inspiration to renewed effort to bring the red and gray again to the fore, and let everyone at Tech. do his part to accomplish this result.

During the past week the Senior has indulged somewhat in retrospection, with special reference to the aims and ambitions of four short years ago. Now that the period of Institute life is well nigh over, the serious minded ponders as to the growth this period has effected. Have the energies he has spent been thoroughly profitable? Is his equipment what he had expected? Unless he is a man possessed of unerring foresight, he must admit a shade of disappointment. The average youth rather expected to be ready, upon graduation, to take his stand as an independent competitor in his chosen field; but he now only finds himself prepared to serve others. Moreover, when he thinks of any one branch in which he may be called upon to act, even as a subordinate, his mind wavers as to his requisite fitness. In fact, he realizes that his fitting is not absolutely definite in its application. He feels inadequate to the satisfactory fulfillment of a great responsibility. He has not yet attained the courage of his own convictions, nor are these convictions mature.