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THE retiring editors of the Cornell Widow voice their sentiments in bidding farewell to their editorial labors as follows: "It's hard to give up your first flame. She may have often tried your temper, she may have taken much of your time, and she may have cost you a deal of money, yet somehow you hate to hand her over to the other fellow. If the other man must get her, however, you are glad to know that he is a good fellow." The '98 editors of The Tech, in anticipation of handing the more active control of their work into the hands of '99, subscribe to the foregoing very heartily.

The Tech has been enabled, by rigid economy, and by the more generous support received from undergraduates and alumni, to come out very much better financially this year than last; nevertheless it has been impossible more than to make both ends meet, and the heavy debt of the past remains undiminished. With a still more general support we shall take up the struggle next year with renewed hope and with good chances of at least partial success.

As the year has gone on, confidence in the strength and stability of the Institute has grown greater, while the sense of the loss suffered last January has grown no less. Indeed we realize more than more keenly, as time goes on, the deprivation of the strong hand and the courtly mind which ruled the Institute so long. At the same time we feel with a greater force the responsibility which falls upon each one to contribute his little mite toward upholding the prestige and glory of the school to which President Walker devoted the best years of his life, and the students await the choice of his successor with perfect confidence, and with the resolution to give him any aid and support that may be in their power.

On Saturday the fateful struggle, toward which all the energies of our Athletes for eight months have been bent, will decide the rank of M. I. T. among the New-England colleges with regard to track athletics. The contest is to be a close one. Brown, Dartmouth, and Bowdoin all have crack teams, and less than thirty points will probably win the meet. Technology is sure of eighteen points as far as anything is sure in track athletics, and there are good chances for fifteen more. We therefore look forward to the result without over confidence, but with good and well-grounded hopes. Whether or not the red and gray are winning colors, we are absolutely confident that the men who go to Worcester this year will make a manful and creditable fight for them.