THE recent election of Professor Crafts to the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology comes as a great surprise to the public in general, and to the student body in particular. The impression that our new president was to be recruited from the ranks of public life, rather than from the educational world,—already so well represented at Tech.,—was current; and although the unexpected has happened, the choice is undoubtedly a good one. Following, as he does, one of the noblest and mightiest lights of the educational world,—one of the most genial natures that has ever existed, one whose memory will continue to live in the minds of the students, whom he so loved, long after they have ceased to be students,—President Crafts' task seems no easy one; but we feel sure that we can predict favorable results from the selection.

E regret the apparent apathy with which 1900 looks forward to the annual cane-rush and football game with the Freshmen. These two contests have, in the past, been anticipated as the chief events of the opening of the school year, and every effort has been made by both Freshman and Sophomore to make his class the victor.

The indifference of this year's Sophomore Class is somewhat surprising, especially when we recall the enthusiasm with which, as Freshmen, they went in to beat '99 last year. Now, however, as the time approaches for them to show themselves worthy of upholding the traditions of the Sophomore Class, we find them perfectly contented to let half a dozen men try in vain to arouse sufficient enthusiasm over football to bring out men enough to make even a complete eleven. For the past week we have seen the not-too-edifying spectacle of a dozen Sophomores standing about the Gymnasium without energy enough to don a canvas jacket. If they expect to make even a creditable showing, it is time some of the thirty men that tried for the team last year came out for the eleven this year.

It is time also that a committee was appointed to superintend the preparation for the cane rush, and to select officers for it.

With last year's rush tied, the football game and the competitive drill with Brown lost, it would hardly do for 1900 to add to the score against them, by losing again this fall.