try for the athletic teams; yell for the "Red and Gray" whenever an opportunity offers. Let those who have literary ability write for THE TECH. In an institution like ours, where the training is almost entirely scientific, the practice of putting our thoughts on paper cannot help but be beneficial.

After all, a man's college education is not reckoned wholly in the number of "C's" he has to his credit on the Secretary's books. He should broaden himself along every possible line. At Tech, we do not have the college spirit and social diversions which most colleges possess. We should, therefore, take all the more active part in such branches of student life as are open to us, and endeavor to cultivate that love for Alma Mater, which is at present so woefully lacking.

The wonderful growth, in both importance and membership, of L'Avenir since the beginning of last term is a good omen. It shows that the number of men who think that they have no time to take an interest in anything not purely technical is diminishing. Many have now happily realized that the study of the language of a nation which has led the world in science, and which is universally acknowledged to possess the finest literature extant, is worth while not only as a valuable accessory in professional work, but for its own sake. Every year the Faculty lays more and more importance on the study of non-technical subjects; every year the value of such study is shown more and more fully. It would be wise for every student who is able to join a society like L'Avenir to do so, and be benefited by familiarizing himself with a modern language, and by social intercourse with his fellow students.

Considerable activity is being shown by the various alumni associations of the Institute scattered throughout the country. At the recent dinners of the Philadelphia, Boston, and Northwestern Associations, large numbers of the men attended, and interest is increasing in these gatherings. There is no reason why the graduates of the Institute should not be in close touch with each other and with the Institute itself; continuing their comradeships begun while struggling with the tabular view; meeting among the alumni as fine men as the country can produce; forming and continuing friendships profitable alike at home and in business; and standing close behind the undergraduates as being the coming alumni, as now passing through what the graduates, almost without exception, look back upon as the pleasantest years of their life. The lasting greatness of a college depends wholly on the greatness and quality of its graduates considered as a compact body; this, in turn, rests upon the individual ability, push, and qualities of leadership of each alumnus. The large universities of our day are famous in two ways: In the public eye, for prowess of the undergraduates in athletics and similar lines; and in the business world, for the number and standing of its graduates. The business standing of the Technology graduates is the very highest, and the natural purpose of the Institute is to raise that standard until it shall be unattainable by others. The experience and advice of the alumni is invaluable to the coming men, and there is not a graduate, nor one who has attended as a special,