ITH the passing of another class from the Institute, is ushered in a momentous change in the life of our school: faces that have been familiar in the hall, in the laboratory, on the field, are seen no more. Freshmen are Sophomores about to enter upon a new freedom and dignity. Sophomores are Juniors, with a wider, broader field of enterprise before them; and, lastly, Juniors are Seniors, nerved with the endeavor of hard and earnest effort in the preparation of a life work. But to those who are at the threshold of their careers is the change of greatest import. Now is it make or spoil, and upon the outcome depends more than anything they have heretofore accomplished. If the start be good, if it be only in the right spirit, no matter what the station, the rest is easy. But if a man begins in a careless, slovenly way of life, with lack of earnestness of purpose and method, his reputation will be made against him, and he will find it difficult to create a more favorable impression. Then, from the first, let every man come to a sense of the true importance of the work before him, and the result cannot be uncertain.

Tech. men are generally recognized as being well equipped for work; better equipped in those branches which they pursue, than graduates of other institutions. This is in their favor. But business positions call for work itself, not for the equipment, so that a man must have the power of application in addition to store of theory; otherwise he is valueless. Fortunately, Tech. men usually have this power also, and, we believe, it is this successful combination of the two that wins esteem in the business world. Goethe has said, in translation, “To everyone comes that which he deserves.” See to it only that he deserves that which comes.

THE TECH extends a most cordial wish to the members of the Class of ’98 for a most prosperous and happy business career.

Fifty dollars of the one hundred and thirty-three given by the Class of ’97, to complete the Student Walker Memorial Fund, has been repaid, having been contributed to the fund by the Hammer and Tongs Society.