The term “college life” is one that admits of various interpretations. To some at Technology it may sound almost like a misnomer for existence. This is the pessimistic view, but its prevalence makes it seem worth while to give a word of counsel to the Freshman who is just now beginning to appreciate what life at the Institute represents.

Work, and oftentimes hard work, forms the main part of an Institute course. That this is so has come to be recognized wherever Technology is known; and it is this work that has given us a body of graduates whose achievements in science, architecture, and engineering have been such as to make the Massachusetts Institute of Technology the foremost technical school in America.

Moreover, the tendency is for the amount of this work to steadily increase, and we feel more and more the pressure tending to exclude the amusements and diversions which take up a share of the time of the average college man. As a result, the student often devotes his entire attention to work alone as the easiest solution to the problem. Whether this is the wisest solution is not so plain, if we are to judge by those who have been through the Institute. “I regret that I neglected the social side of my college life,” is frequently heard.

In view of this, we wish just now to call attention to the class dinners which will take place in the course of the next week or two. Those who have been to a class dinner one year go again the next. We urge every one, and especially Freshmen, not to miss what invariably proves one of the pleasantest events of the year—his Class Dinner. A college course should mean something more than study. Technology offers more than that.