TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:

I write in answer to the article in last week's TECH. signed by "'99." He says that the criticism of the 'Varsity Football team does not lie within the province of a Freshman. This is not so; first, because the Freshman Class is called upon to support the team, and, secondly, because it did support the team. Nineteen Hundred and Two gave more money than any other class. Nineteen Hundred and Two had just as many men on the team as '99, and had a good many more men than the Seniors trying for it. Here are the names of a few who played in parts of the 'Varsity games: Pond, Storer, Allyn, Mansfield, H. L. Pope.

We know the 'Varsity is more than glad to accept the co-operation of a class like '02, and the team is willing and expects to take any criticism offered in the right spirit that a Freshman chooses to offer. If the above were not so, the team would have no right to expect any kind of support from the Freshman Class, because we would say we cannot tolerate taxation without representation.

Furthermore, the criticisms of individual members of the Freshman Class for not trying for the 'Varsity team does not lie within the province of '99. It is ungentlemanly and interfering, to say the least. Mr. Parker and Mr. Dakin had their own reasons for not trying for the team, and I know they were very good reasons.

Again, I wish to call the attention of the Seniors connected with the drill controversy to the fact that the arguments advanced by '02 have as yet been unanswered, and from this we conclude that they admit a victory to us.

R. A. Pope, 1902.

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Although I did not think it necessary to try to convert the short-sighted Senior to the cause of Freshman Drill, yet I think that now a short but powerful argument should be made, not in defense of the stand taken by '02 in military matters, but in reply to certain arguments made by the correspondent of 1899.

He has exhorted '02 "by all that is dear to a Tech. man" to give up the Annual Competition in Military Drill. In reply to his plea, I ask him what is dear to every Tech. man? Is it a purely social, selfish, mistaken spirit, which perhaps thirty per cent of the Technology students cherish as their ideal, or is it a nobler and more American support of everything which tends toward raising Technology to a height which has been indifferently sought in former years?

The member of the Class of '99 has taken the first as his ideal. He wants Technology to keep on a downward journey in military drill, started when 1900 was defeated by Brown. He does not want any good drillers to come to Technology as the foster mother of college drill. If, however, he would take off his blinders, he would see a steady stream of young men, finely set up and experienced in military drill, seeking entrance to Technology to keep up her former glory in military work, because she had extended a guiding hand to them, or because the Class of 1902 had, in the name of the Institute.

I am afraid that '99 did not realize how he was laying himself defenseless against the "finger of scorn" when he took his stand in behalf of that selfish, mistaken Tech. "spirit." He should have attended the drill and patronized his school institutions, and then he would not have tried to proclaim himself a martyr in the rebellion against Freshman Drill.

F. M., '02.

Resignation.

(With apologies to E. H. D.)

Alas! my little vanity
Has suffered quite a shock,
To see the way you soaked my verse
About the Rogers clock.

The reverence due to any clock
Would suffer quite a check,
If its two hands, as you assert,
Revolved around its neck.

So, though I can't agree to that,
I think upon reflection
That I had better own right up,
And take your kind correction.

And as I know my little verse
Was very far from clever,
I think that like the poor old clock
I'd best be still forever.

So, though I have had some success
As soul and mind distressor,
It is my duty to resign,
If you'll be my successor.

F. H. H., '02.