In connection with this statement of President Eliot, our readers will recall the remark made by Professor Emery of Dartmouth, at the last Technology Alumni dinner, to the effect that the time had come when the degree of B. S. was on an equal footing with that of B. A., and that the time was fast approaching when it would rank far higher.

No one, we venture to state, will dispute the fact that it is well-nigh impossible, without extraordinary preparation at entrance, to secure the degree of B. S. at Technology in less than four years of study, and the hardest kind of study, at that.

Taking the degree of B. A. as granted by Harvard, as a fair example of the degree granted by our leading universities, and with the relative amount of work necessary for the attainment of the degree as a basis of comparison, the conclusion is at once apparent that the time has already come when the degree of B. S., as granted by M. I. T., at least, stands far higher than the degree of A. B.

An unfortunate fact connected with our educational life at the Institute is that the majority of students place too low a value on the importance of English subjects, and particularly English composition. Through the neglect of this side of education, or at least, the failure to make the most of it, there is always the tendency to develop in a one-sided manner, which narrows the conception of life as a whole. It is, indeed, time that the pursuit of the mathematical sciences leads to the employment of a terse strong form of English composition, but