there is lacking the development of the lighter, and more fanciful side. There is of necessity little gracefulness in mathematical writing and less fancy. And yet, it is this less serious, though important side, which gives one that fulness, that rounded comprehension, which is of so much value in life. Each year sees the entrance into the Institute of men who not only have potential possibilities of becoming good writers, but also, many who have actively these capabilities.

There are offered, besides the English courses, opportunities for the student to exercise his ability in this direction. In the present instance we are referring particularly to Technique, which is to appear in April. The Tech has some inside information of the book this year, and it is sure to equal if not surpass former Techniques. Those who wish to make the success still more certain should contribute verses and grinds, and thus, by making the humorous and lighter parts of the book more representative and more interesting, gain for themselves the benefits of an occupation, the usefulness of which is certain to repay them in the future.

It may seem almost impertinence for The Tech to criticize any action of the Faculty or Corporation, but the evident indefiniteness in the choice of a new President seems to us most detrimental to the standing and good name of the Institute. It certainly can do Tech no good to have an offer of the Presidency refused, even once, and if it should occur several times Technology's position would become ridiculous. It would seem to us the proper plan of action first to ascertain a man's views on the subject and then, if these be favorable, to present the formal invita-

tion, thus throwing out the possible chance of its being refused.

Many rumors, some founded on fact, but the majority most vague, have been heard regarding the successor of President Crafts in the spring. Chief among the men proposed are ex-Governor Roger Wolcott, Hon. John D. Long, Pres. Seth Low of Columbia University, Professor William T. Sedgwick, Pres. Mendenhall of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Rear-Admiral Sampson. The last-named gentleman was the guest of honor at a reception of the Y. M. C. A. at the Student House last week and there announced that he had been formally invited to take the chair. He has refused it, however, as it would necessitate his withdrawal from naval life, for which he believes himself to be better fitted.

On the whole, then, everything is very indefinite concerning the presidency, and idle speculations by the outside world thereon are useless if not quite out of place.

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