civil and sanitary engineering, and also of the position which our Department of Civil Engineering holds in the minds of practical business men and engineers.

It indicates that a man who graduates from these courses and who can be recommended by the professors in charge is not only sure of a position, but is able to make a choice between several opportunities. We understand, however, that Professor Swain has always made it a rule not to recommend a man for a position whom he would not himself employ in the position in question, and this policy is no doubt responsible in part for the large number of applications for men from this department. Professor Swain tells us that if there were graduating this year from his department one hundred strong men whom he could personally recommend, they could undoubtedly all be placed in positions, very likely before the close of the term.

At this time, when every one is looking forward to the new Technique, it is of interest to inquire why it is that Technique is each year so eagerly expected, why so much enthusiasm is shown over its appearance, why it subtends so large a visual angle in the sky of Technology life and of Junior Week.

It is said that Technique is one of the first, if not the very first, of the college annuals of the country. At first sight it might seem strange that such high rank in this respect should be held by a school which is so largely devoted to scientific and technical studies. But this very fact tends to give, and does give, a distinctive and decided character to Technique. Tech is different from other colleges, and so Technique is different from other college publications. That it is better and more successful, is to be explained in various ways. Tradition and custom are of course largely responsible for the success of each year's Technique. Each class, as it comes to the end of its Sophomore year, realizes how much will be expected of it in the Technique line, and understands that unwritten law and custom have placed on it a great responsibility. As a result the task is usually undertaken in deep earnest, and with more of a real united class spirit than is shown in any other matter. A healthy feeling of rivalry makes each class try to outdo the preceding, and the result has been a steady growth in excellence of the publication. Another reason for its popularity and success is that Technique is not merely a class-book, of interest to Juniors alone, but it is a book thoroughly representative of all Technology; interesting to all the classes, past and present, interesting to instructors and faculty, interesting to all friends of the institute. As such a book it is usually worthy of the hearty reception it gets from all. We hope that Technique '03 when it appears tomorrow will surpass all its predecessors, and as a brother publication of the Institute we extend to it our sincerest welcome, and good wishes for its success.

The Society of Arts.

The 567th regular meeting of the society will be held at the Institute, Room 22, Walker Building, corner of Boylston and Clarendon Streets, on Thursday, April 24, 1902, at 8 P.M. Hon. E. J. Hill, member of the House of Representatives, United States, will address the society on "A trip through Siberia." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Members are requested to invite friends interested in the subject.

George V. Wendell,
Secretary.