HE TECH has so often in the past tried to be cheerful over defeat, to make athletic facts and prospects appear brighter than they really were, that when an opportunity for real congratulation and optimism comes we hardly know just how to treat it. True it is, Technology did not win last Saturday’s meet, but we all but did it; we put up a good square fight, and we let Dartmouth know she was in a real contest. With Technology leading in points during a greater part of the time, the crowd worked upon enthusiasm like that at the Field Day last fall, and showed pretty conclusively to all present that track athletics at Tech have started on a "boom" which if it keeps up will make the year of 1902 mark a decided advance. Two broken Technology records—in the pole-vault and half-mile run—records that are ten and eleven years old respectively, stand witness to the progress that has been made during the past year, and bring emphatically before us the fact that in two events at least Tech has better men than ever before in her history. Our track team is to be most heartily thanked and congratulated for its splendid work last Saturday. We shall look for a continuation of its good work in the Worcester meet, in which we expect a much better standing than was obtained last year.

For the smoothness with which the whole meet last Saturday went off, thanks are due to the management. For one thing, thorough advertising did much to make the affair a financial success. For the good condition and work of the team, the unceasing interest and untiring efforts of Coach Mahon are largely responsible. We were exceedingly pleased to notice the attendance at the meet last Saturday of a goodly number of the faculty and instructors. To know that they take an interest in the athletic side of Tech gives to the management and team greater confidence in what they enter into. With the backing of the faculty as well as the undergraduates, we should look forward rather optimistically on Tech’s future as an aspirant for fame on the athletic field. Surely it is a rosy sunset for this year before us when we think of the Walker Gymnasium and of the prospects of a gift for athletics of one thousand dollars a year as something to anticipate, and with the triangular meet of last Saturday to look back upon.