and a pleasure to find the much-talked-of Electrical Building so soon a reality, even if in temporary form. The *Evening Transcript* says that when it is completed it will be the finest and most thoroughly equipped electrical engineering laboratory in this country, — perhaps in the world.

So much for the principal material changes we have noticed in Technology. There are other immaterial changes that are to be felt rather than seen. Is it a pleasant summer vacation that makes Technology seem so happy a place? The spirit and enthusiasm of "Beginning" seems everywhere in pleasing contrast with the spirit of "Getting through," so prominent four or five months ago. Is it possible that these men with suntanned faces, bright, welcoming smiles and hearty handshakes, are the same we remember as pale with late night work and worry over "exams"? Some familiar faces are not here, and though thankful that we could ourselves return to our "Tech" work, let us be sobered a moment as we think of the classmates who for many reasons have dropped by the wayside, and who may not share with us the advantages of these new improvements and changes in our Technology home.

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**THE FRESHMAN.**

You're Welcome. What's a college without the Freshman? What would The Lounger do without the Freshman and the co-ed? Who would forego the pleasure of seeing the Freshman eat his hash from the lunch-room counter? But don’t mind, Freshman, the hash tasted just as good, and as Mr. Burrison says: "You probably paid for it." Again, you're welcome.

**JOHN DANIEL RUNKLE.**

During the past summer came the announcement of Professor Runkle’s death. To those who were familiar with the history of the Institute, the sad news came as a reminder of those early, struggling days, when his untiring energy meant life and future to the college; but to those of us who have known him in the class-room, who have learned to love him as we learned our calculus, his death is a personal loss, the departure of a dear and honored friend.

From the very beginning of the movement, Dr. Runkle was actively connected with the foundation of the Institute, and in 1865, as its first secretary, notified Professor Rogers of his election as president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the next three years Professor Runkle’s work, both in co-operation with the president and as head of the Department of Mathematics, was invaluable to the Institute. In 1868, owing to President Rogers’ illness, Professor Runkle was appointed acting president of the Institute. Two years later, on account of continued ill health, Professor Rogers was obliged to resign completely the office of president, and in so doing recommended Dr. Runkle as his successor in the important position. Professor Runkle was elected president in October of the same year, and most loyally discharged the heavy duties of that office until 1878.

This was a most important and critical period in the growth and life of the new-founded college. The treasury of the Institute had been terribly crippled by the recent erection of the new Rogers Building, and the college was at first confronted by the pressing need for more room, and later, after the panic of ’73, by the no less disheartening decrease in the number of students. In spite of all the difficulties of the situation President Runkle never faltered in his unswerving