pose was changed. Those of our classmates who had taken the largest share in the disturbances of former years were now enjoying a less restraining atmosphere at Harvard University or elsewhere. The rest fully appreciated the interest and importance of their studies. We buckled down to work, and strove with all earnestness to do the Institute honor. At our Class Dinner George Wood had an opportunity for telling stories, for which he is famous. The great event of the year was, however, the appearance of Technique for 1903. Our book reached and passed the goal set by all its predecessors. The board, headed by Morse and Cheney, outdid themselves and deserve all the credit and honor which comes with the best book ever given to Technology. The Prom, the Tech Show, the concerts and the teas of the same week, delighted us also, because we could enjoy the company of our sisters and of our friends' sisters.

Soon Senior year was upon us. Our members, thinned perceptibly by the pace set by Applied Mechanics and Structures, still held many earnest, hard-working men, eager for the last lap. We were all busy with our work now. The Seniors of Course VI., were most fortunate to be the first to use the new laboratories in the Lowell Building. Time was passing rapidly and graduation was approaching faster than we knew.

It was soon necessary to elect our Class Day officers. This was the only election in two years which was free from factional differences. The result was a grand success (that is why I am here now). This year has brought the Class much that is pleasant, but much that has been difficult, and much that has caused worry. We have striven with all the good there is in us for one purpose, and to-morrow that will be realized.

Members of 1903, our undergraduate career is at an end. We are thrown upon the world as trained engineers, architects and chemists, trained in our one specialty only. Let us not forget that in twenty-five or fifty years, when we have become men of great ability in our different walks of life, that we owe all our successes to our families, our professors and our Alma Mater.

Mr. Ancona, Statistician:

Mr. President, Mr. Marshal and Friends:

Statistics are generally considered dry, cumber-
some, uninteresting and misleading tables of figures. The attitude of the average person toward statistics is very cleverly expressed in a remark that, I understand, has been made annually by a very famous professor of a very famous course here at the Institute. The professor, after an impressive pause and careful survey of his class, says, "Now, between ourselves, gentlemen, I shall quote a little saying I heard recently: 'There are three kinds of lies—plain lies,—lies and statistics.'" References Technique, Vols. xiii., xiv., xv., xvi., xvii. The statistical data that I shall try and present were obtained principally from question blanks that were sent to 225 members of the Senior Class. Only about half this number were returned; all averages and percentages are figured on the number of returned blanks. The questions were intentionally made curt, so as to allow considerable latitude in replying. A number of the answers were very amusing and really bright, very clearly indicating that Tech men are not entirely devoid of wit and imagination.

Four years ago 329 men entered the Institute as the Class of 1903. To-morrow 191 men, or 58.1% of those entering will receive their degrees. 64 men of this number entered some time during the four years' course in advanced standing. Thus 127 men, or 37.7% of the original 329 graduate.

The average age is twenty-two years and eight months.

The average weight is 153 pounds, while the average height is 5 feet 9 inches. This height is about right for the weight, showing that, although Tech men are considered "pluggers," they are not by any means physical wrecks.

Only 11 men report having taken the strength test. The average of these is 814, which is really very good. The most powerful man in the Class, and at the same time the best gymnast, is H. B. Pulsifer, Course V.

The average yearly expenditure, including tuition, for men away from home, is $864; for men living at home, $515. Two men report their expenses as $1,800, while five spend $1,200 per year. One man living at home spends $275 per year, including tuition.

It is interesting to know that 83% of the Tech Seniors have worked, or at all events drawn their pay during vacations.

Glasses or spectacles are worn by 43.5% of the Class. Two wear both, sometimes, at once. Ruxton states that he can see through most things without either.

54.5% of the men smoke, the majority smoke tobacco; some 15% use cigarettes. Ruxton uses a smoke consumer. Our talented librettist likes cabbage leaves, while Nutter uses a choice mixture of rubber, curled hair and hayseed.

Our Chapel is attended by only 31% of the men, and that 31% is irregular.

Two questions were asked concerning the number of F's and C's received per term. I am not going to tax the credulity of the audience by quoting any averages—they are entirely too patriotic. In connection with this it might be interesting to quote two reports of the Junior Annual Exam. The worst was as follows: one I, one D, nine (9) F's and one FF.

The best I have heard of is twelve (12) C's and one P. Both men receive degrees to-morrow.