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MEASLES.

EVERY child has the measles. Sooner or later they come and the sooner the better, for they are then the sooner over. For a child not to have had the measles puts him *hors concours*. He is not a candidate for manhood or womanhood. It is a necessary part of every child's development. Children get over them, however, and are none the worse.

We have a child here at Tech. It is now nearly a year old. It has the measles. The epidemic has spread over the whole school to a certain extent, but, like other measles, it will, we think, extinguish itself in its own fire.

That Tech's yell and her songs should be chucked full of oaths and allusions to the River Styx is unnatural and, being so, cannot long endure.

When Tech men have become satiated they will rise up and demand a songbook and a yell without the measles. May this rising come before the publication of the second edition.

ENGLISH.

IT seems to be quite the thing among the student body to say hard things about the English Department. A good many of us have heard expressions like these: "Oh, what is the use of Literature, anyway," and "Confound that Summer Reading." The fact that this feeling does exist is most unfortunate, especially as the training we acquire through the English Department is going to mean so much to us when we graduate and have to hustle for a living. The man who is studying along scientific lines is apt, as a general rule, to become buried in his books and so wrapped up in his profession that he becomes oblivious to the finer things of life, as exemplified by culture and literature. Ask any business man if the applicant for a position who writes a letter in clear, concise English has not a better chance than one who cannot put his ideas in good form. Likewise the men who succeed in engineering are those who combine with a good knowledge of their profession an ability to understand things of universal interest and, above all, to understand men. The English Department, in spite of its themes and bothersome Summer Reading, is doing us a service which some day, as Tech graduates, we will surely appreciate.