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For the twenty-sixth time THE TECH puts in its annual appearance and again resumes the place which has long been its privileged province to occupy. After such a long vacation, it is at first hard to get back into the accustomed routine, but after the first few days of welcoming the old friends of the upper classes and making new ones among the freshmen, the old shoes will soon fit as well as ever. The happy and trying days of registration are again here, and we are all besieged with anxious freshmen desiring extrication from the coils of red tape. The ease with which a member of 1910 may be recognized is not surprising, as the inoculation of a year's life at the Institute is necessary to create true Technology men.

Self-interest and a natural pride permits THE TECH to hope that all its old friends and all its new ones who have just entered, if one will permit the conceit, will cooperate with the members of the Board both from a literary and financial standpoint to maintain and upbuild it, and to see that its prerogative be not annulled.

Technology opens the year in suspense, awaiting the settlement of two questions of vital importance to the Institute. Since the resignation of Dr. Pritchett from the Presidency last year, he has remained in office pending the selection of his successor. As yet, however, the corporation has not elected a new president, nor is there any definite rumor regarding the possible incumbent of the chair. Needless to say the announcement of the name of the new president will be anxiously awaited.

The corporation is considering the purchase of land either in the neighborhood of the present site for the erection of buildings to

supplement the present structures, or else in a suburban district for the ultimate complete removal of the Institute from the heart of Boston. Pending the final decision the erection of the Walker Memorial Gymnasium will be delayed.

At the opening of the college year in 1905 the western institutions showed a relatively greater advance in attendance than the eastern colleges. Tech actually had a decrease of students under the previous year. It will be interesting to note whether this state of affairs will obtain this year, and if it does it will probably mark the permanent superiority of the western colleges in point of numbers. As was long ago predicted, the large state universities, and endowed colleges where tuition is free, and the somewhat lower cost of living to the western college student, has at last accomplished the enormous increase in attendance that is reported each fall.

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