THE tension which almost every student of the Institute has been under during the present term, and which will naturally grow greater as the semi-annuals draw near, leads to the hope that with the new year will come a resolution on the part of the Faculty to do something to relieve the pressure. In many of the courses it is the almost universal complaint that it is impossible to do justice to all the work required, and that consequently something must be slighted each day. The third year seems to be the portion of the regular course most in need of some change which may bring relief. The main trouble seems to be that in many instances much more work is expected than the supplement to the catalogue, strictly followed, would allow. This results partly from the natural tendency of each instructor to magnify unconsciously the importance of his own department, and partly from the large amount of extra work, without which in certain courses one cannot hope to make even a respectable showing.

THE chemists and miners are beginning to find that the change of time is anything but a blessing in their department, for in reality it cuts them off from fifteen minutes' work in the chemical laboratory every day, which in the aggregate counts for a good deal, especially when the large amount of time lost by the late opening of the laboratory is taken into consideration.

The laboratory nominally "opens" now at fifteen minutes past two, instead of at half past two as formerly, and closes at a quarter of five instead of the old hour of five o'clock.

The working time thus appears the same, but in view of the fact that a large majority of the men put into their laboratory work every spare moment from the time they enter the Institute