HE semi-annual examinations, with their train of attendant evils,—the sleepless nights and heavy gas bills,—have so far gone by that the coming short recess begins to take on the form of a visible reality. There is small need to say that it will be appreciated, for holidays are at a premium at the Institute, if anywhere, and the term has been to most of us one of vigorous and protracted work. It is to be hoped—and doubtless will be the case—that the Faculty will find time during the recess to inquire into the foundation for the numerous complaints of over-work, and that the inquiry may result in some desirable changes.

THE children of the late B. S. Rotch have established, in accordance with their father’s wishes, a scholarship which is to be forever devoted to sending annually to Europe a student of architecture for a term of two years.

By this arrangement there will always be two students travelling and studying in the best schools abroad and supported by the scholarship. The beneficiaries of the fund are to be selected by competitive examination under the conditions set forth below, and the stimulus afforded by such a prize cannot fail to benefit all who enter the competition, while the value of the foreign study to the successful candidates and its good effect upon all American architectural work can hardly be over-estimated.

The opening years of a young architect’s career are hard ones at best; they are years when he must struggle along on insufficient pay and amid discouragements which often prove too much for him. An opportunity like the present one is too rare to be unappreciated, and for the benefit of architectural students in the Institute we give in full the circular sent out through its special committee by the Boston Society of Architects, which has been invited by the trustees of the fund to take charge of the examinations:

General Regulations of the Travelling Scholarship for Students of Architecture founded by the late Benjamin S. Rotch.

Examinations for the Rotch travelling scholarship will be held every year, and the successful candidate will receive from the trustees annually for two years $1,000, to be expended in foreign travel and study: provided, always, that the beneficiary shows such evidences of diligence as may be required of him.

Candidates must be under thirty years of age, and must have worked during two years in the office of an architect resident in Massachusetts.

The committee of the Boston Society of Architects having in charge the examinations for the scholarship invite candidates to present themselves at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, April 3, 1884, at 9 A.M.

A problem in design will be given to all candidates, and they will be required to make a preliminary sketch for it at the time. The authors of satisfactory sketches will be allowed one month for their development,—all the essential features of the scheme being retained,—into finished