The interest shown by the students in the lectures in Political Economy is an indication of the desire to deal intelligently with the problems which will surely come before them as men in after-life. Why present advantage should be sacrificed to a far-sighted and sound policy which will ultimately give the greatest benefit, is only to be learned by a careful consideration of the grounds of the arguments in favor of both Free Trade and Protection; and ere the term is closed, we shall undoubtedly be better able to judge understandingly what the wisest course for the United States would be,—a question which must be met by every thinking man, sooner or later, in the next few years.

We think it is a very general wish, among the students of the upper classes, that they might be favored more with President Walker's lectures rather than with individual recitations, although possibly men are kept closer to their work by this latter method.

In the interim occasioned by the retirement of Mr. Little from the position of editor-in-chief, before the present incumbent assumed the responsibilities of the office, Mr. I. W. Litchfield, '85, most generously devoted his time (the vacation just after the Semi's) and energies to the task of getting out No. 8 of the "Tech;" and we wish now, although at a rather late date, to express our appreciation of his labors, and that he may receive the credit which is most justly due him.

Mr. Thomas W. Fry, of '85, has been chosen to fill the vacancy in the editorial board, and enters upon his duties with the present issue. We cordially welcome him, and trust that he will bring to his new duties a store of editorials which shall allow his fellow editors to enjoy a short rest for the purpose of collecting new ideas.

Our attention was lately called to the gross misuse by the students of the new reading-room, as regards the matter of talking therein. As every one knows, this was the great evil which beset the old library; but it was expected that, on getting into new quarters, the regulations would be more strictly enforced, obliging those entering the room to refrain from all loud talking and noise.

Very many students desire to use the place for study, but at present one might as well adjourn to a stock exchange to compose his thoughts. No one hesitates to talk in his ordinary tone of voice, or at most in a stage whisper, because every one else is doing the same.