prepared, have to work no harder for the same results than their older classmates?

The editorial states that doctors, lawyers, and clergymen seldom enter their respective professions under twenty-four, but the reason of this is not that they must be of a certain age before they are allowed to enter the necessary institutions, but that they are unable to complete earlier the requisite course of study. And no man is delayed in entering upon the practice of his profession upon the principle recently expressed by one of our own professors, who told a student that he was so young he could afford to study an extra year for his degree, even, if he were prepared to graduate this year.

To see what the loss of a year would mean to the student, let us suppose two cases in which he is equally fitted for active life, but a year older in the second case than in the first.

In each instance he must spend a number of years in getting skill and experience before his powers are fully developed, and he then remains in his prime until, let us say, fifty years of age.

The difference will be that in the first case his time of greatest usefulness lasts just a year longer than in the second; whence it is evident that the loss of a year in his preparation is practically the loss of one of the best years of a man's life. Not that I would assert the extra school year to be a total loss, as the student must of necessity learn something in that time; but what, with the discouragement naturally accompanying enforced delay, and his inability to employ his time to the best advantage, enough loss would occur to far overbalance the good accomplished.

We would not ask that any man in the least behind in his work should receive a degree on the plea that the extra year's time necessary to obtain it would be so great a loss to him, but would simply desire to emphasize the fact that "time is money," and demand that we younger men be allowed to compete with the others on an equal footing. Let every one have a fair chance and stand or fall by his merits alone, whether a child or as old as Methuselah.

A. B., '85.

Have you seen Whitney's calorimeter?

Only one more holiday this term,—Fast Day, April 3.

The second-year mechanicals will soon commence their foundry work.

The second-year miners and civils will soon begin their spring field-work in levelling.

'87 has contributed $140 towards the Senior ball,—more than one half thus far contributed.

The Sophomore and Junior mechanicals are doing about the same work in drawing this year.

We understand that six or more graduates from Phillips-Exeter Academy are to join M. I. T., '88.

Whistling matches, three times a week, in the third-year mechanical drawing-room. Admission free.

The third-year mechanicals find that filing is more tiresome than forging, and lacks its muscular exercise.

The gymnasium presents an active scene every afternoon. A large number of men are in daily training.

The class in weaving at the School of Design have some fine specimens of woollen goods which they have recently made.

The Harvard '84 tug-of-war team have been over to our gymnasium two or three times during the past week to be coached by our team.

A Soph, on being told that the German word for an ambassador meant "A sent one," asked the professor if they didn't have any higher priced.

We have seen a large number of Freshmen eating "rock and rye drops,"—all Freshmen classes do it. A recent analysis in Brooklyn of these drops showed that they contained a very dangerous amount of fusil oil: Freshmen, beware!