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TARTING with the present number, upon the fourth volume of THE TECH, the editors are gratified to feel that the work which has been expended upon the paper has been in the right direction, and that the efforts which have been put forth to make it the faithful representative of the Institute have been appreciated not only by the undergraduates and alumni, for whom it is especially intended, but by many collegiate and scientific publications, which have frequently given it a word of encouragement.

In consequence of the close application required of those who take the Institute courses, and who have a realizing sense of the fact that they are beginning professional work, there is little—too little—time for recreation. So THE TECH, which aims to reflect every-day Institute life, is necessarily of a more sober nature than some other college publications; but it is not intended that this soberness shall deepen into gloom. The main object of the paper is to entertain, not to amuse; and it is hoped that the entertainment furnished will be sufficiently substantial to secure for it the success which seems promised, and to establish THE TECH as one of the permanent institutions of the place.

As we return to the familiar scenes about the Institute each year after our long vacation, we first look about to see what changes have taken place in our absence, and this year they have been not a few.

Beginning with Rogers building, we notice that externally it still retains its former stately beauty, the contemplated additional story not having been erected, as the fire authorities would not permit a wooden roof to be placed upon so high a building.

The top of Rogers building has now been entirely abandoned to the mechanicals and Freshmen. The northern half of the fourth story has been thrown into one large room, and is used by all the mechanicals as their drawing-room. In the basement, the alterations begun last year, which made the front half of the building the laboratories of applied mechanics and mechanical engineering, have been completed, and now the remainder of the basement has been devoted to the new mining laboratory. Additional room was gained by removing the broad stairs which led to the basement, and this is now reached by a spiral iron stairway.

In the entrance hall, the corner where the letter-rack was has been parted off by a railing.