abused process of cramming does for us. It trains the mind to open itself, as it were, and take in a very great deal at once, and to become accustomed to so doing; and there may be many occasions in after life when it would be decidedly to our advantage to be able to book up well on a subject in a short time. In such cases we would find our old college custom would come to our assistance in a very welcome manner.

We would not have it understood that we favor absolute reliance on cramming as a means to "get through" one's examinations, to the neglect of regular study; far from it. But as long as so much work has to be done, it had best be recognized as perfectly allowable, if not advantageous, and nearly all have to depend on it.

It is safe to say that there is no department at the Institute in which more improvement is being made, during the present year, than in that of analytical chemistry. Under the direction of its new head, many much-needed reforms are being introduced. The ancient methods of analysis, hitherto in use there, are gradually being discarded, and replaced by the more modern ones. Better attention is now given to the students, who no longer feel that in asking a question of an assistant, they were begging a great and irredeemable favor, and not a right. And, above all things, the student is now made to feel the object is, not the number of red and blue marks, but to learn as much as possible about the methods of chemical analysis.

It is not surprising that students feel, and are allowed, a certain license and freedom of behavior. But liberty always brings dangers and responsibilities in its train, and it is for the students themselves to consider these dangers and responsibilities, that they may sustain the good character of the institution of which they are members, and prepare themselves for time to come. The students of the Institute have almost no restrictions put upon their behavior, the only rules that relate to their deportment laid down by the Faculty being such as would be prompted by gentlemanly instincts in any case. The prominent times of trial are when numbers of the students are together, as then the feeling of liberty is greatest, and it is at such times that the public opinion of the character of the students as a whole is largely formed. Individual character is influenced more, probably, in quieter circumstances, and the eternal vigilance should never be relaxed. There cannot be too much of good, honest fun, and there is nothing against having it, so long as self respect and the rights of others do not suffer.

The Freshman class are entitled to a position on the editorial board of The Tech, which is to be awarded strictly according to merit. No contributions whatever have been received from that class. If, after waiting a reasonable time longer, none are received, the position will probably be given to some other class, as we cannot afford to maintain the vacancy.

We regret to announce that Mr. F. Manton Wakefield, '87, has been compelled, by the pressure of his studies, to resign his position on The Tech. On account of his long connection with the paper, his loss will be much felt. Members of the Junior Class are invited to hand in contributions to compete for the vacancy.

The Committee on Photographs of the Senior Class would call attention to the fact that sittings for pictures must be made before Feb. 1, 1886. Appointments may be made with Mr. Hastings, 147 Tremont Street, corner West, at any time. All who have not done so are requested to attend to the matter as soon as possible.

The next Tech, No. 8, which would ordinarily be issued Thursday, January 28th, will be delayed until February 4th, in order to avoid appearing during the vacation. No. 9 will be published a week later.