hours habitually infringe on the time necessary for sleep and exercise.

As The Tech has said before, “cramming” is almost universally considered by people who do not have it to do, as not only injurious to the health, but also as an illegitimate method of gaining a good standing. The poor student never gets any sympathy from those at home, during examination-time. On the contrary, he is goaded to exasperation by remarks from every one that they see no reason why he need be obliged to study so excessively before the examinations, if he had given the proper attention to the subject when he first went over it. And other remarks of a like pleasing nature console him in his hour of trial. This seems to be the popular impression of those who do not know anything about it.

To any one at all familiar with our work here at the Institute, it will be easily comprehended that it is next to impossible for any one here to study so hard during the term, that he will feel perfectly sure on going into an examination, that he has mastered the whole subject. There are always numberless small points which every man feels that he would like to look over—formulæ which have somehow or other completely slipped his memory, or certain points which were brought up at a lecture at which he was unavoidably absent. And so on we could enumerate many more, but every one is only too familiar with them all.

Our Faculty fully appreciate this necessity of looking up small facts, and have shown it by the arrangement of the examinations, there being, whenever possible, a day or so before each of the hardest exams.

The objection that “cramming” is injurious to the health, is, we think, a small one. No one with a reasonably strong constitution was ever injured permanently by “cramming;” at the worst, a slight headache is all that is incurred.

The best argument in its favor, and one which we think more than counterbalances all the arguments against “cramming,” is the practice it gives a man in absorbing a great deal in a short time. Of course it may be said that what is easily learned is easily forgotten, but, at the same time, we do not think this true. It is not easily learned, however quickly it may be done; and it is more than probable that the time will occur sometime in a man’s life when his old college habit of learning a good deal in a short time, will stand him in good stead.

At the commencement of our school year there was a report circulated, founded on good authority, that negotiations were pending for the purchase or rental of Winslow’s Skating-rink, for use as a gymnasium. We understand that nothing could be done this year, as Mr. Winslow wished to retain it for purposes of his own, for another season at least. It is hoped that next year we shall be more fortunate, and possess a fine, well-appointed gymnasium when the vacation is over. Some of us would rather that something were done to secure athletic grounds first; but if the corporation has different ideas, we will nevertheless gladly accept the gym as a compromise. Our present building is scarcely used at all for regular training. Before the athletic games there is some exercise taken there, but its use as a drill-hall is the only one which can be termed in any degree successful. In former years, when it occupied the ground upon which the Kidder building now stands, it was much better equipped, and its convenience made it very desirable. It may be argued that it could be changed over so as to be more in keeping with the present ideas, but a visit to any of the modern structures at our surrounding colleges will convince one of the impossibility of satisfactorily accomplishing such an alteration. Our gym is too low, poorly lighted, and badly arranged. The Winslow rink is a large, well-built building of very convenient distance from the Tech., which by a few changes would make an admirable gymnasium. The result of our present poor accommodations is, that those who wish systematic exercise join the Association Gym., which has the advantage of nearness, good ap-