may be able to announce to our readers the liquidation of this debt.

Attention of any one passing through Rogers' corridor at about noon, would be attracted by sounds not in the least indicative of young men in the pursuit of knowledge. We refer to the custom of turning the reading-room into a sort of restaurant every day at the hour mentioned. To be sure, this room being given up almost entirely to the Freshmen, must savor, more or less, of the high school and academy, and must lack that quiet dignity to be found in any of the many reference and reading-rooms attached to the different courses, and occupied exclusively by the upper-class men. Loud talking, etc., are perhaps to be expected in Rogers' reading-room, but from literature to lunch seems to us a big jump. The President's notice, which, until a short time ago, was affixed to the door, and may now be seen in the book-case, prohibits eating in that room. There is a room up-stairs provided especially for lunching. Will not our readers of '91 bear this in mind, and repair thither to satisfy the god of their bellies, and leave the reading-room untainted by the odor of sausages and cold ham, that it may then impress all with the grimness of its scientific character.

The last number of the W. P. I., the paper of the Worcester Tech., contains a very severe editorial criticism of their marking system. We must say, that if it is anything like what it is said to be, it should indeed be done away with.

Established customs of long standing are well enough in their way, and should be adhered to if the precedent is a thoroughly good one.

It seems to us that the advisability of perpetuating the Senior ball is a subject worthy of some discussion.

Every year the committee, after slaving away at subscription lists and other minor details, find themselves badly behind financially, with a deficit which must be made up by piecemeal subscriptions, wrung from ungrateful under-classmen. Why keep up an institution run on this basis? Why not let it die a natural death, like its twin brother, the annual Freshman ball? Very few look forward through the year to the event with any degree of pleasure; most men buy tickets simply for sweet charity's sake; and, after all, the charity is not so very sweet, or deserving, either. This is only one side of the matter, and we hope that some discussion may be evoked, if the subject is worthy of the pen of those holding an opposite opinion.

If there is anything in particular that is especially disagreeable to the editor of this paper, it is to receive available manuscript when it is just too late to insert it. Once in awhile an article can be held over till the next issue,