After many inquiries as to the feasibility of the plan, I am convinced that it would meet with the favor of every progressive student. I refer to the establishment in the Institute of a "lunch counter." The plan is not a new one, nor one which might fail for lack of experience, as it is at present a feature of some of our leading colleges. Especially in those situated in the city proper, where students living at great distances cannot conveniently lunch at home, the "counter" would furnish excellent opportunity for obtaining meals. Then, too, many of the men who make a practice of working during lunch time, could be accommodated with a "little something," at a small expense and a great saving of time.

As for the location of such a "lunch counter," I would suggest a room in the new building, preferring it to Rogers, as the students in the laboratories and drawing-rooms are the ones who devote to their work a great part of the noontime.

Accommodation could certainly be found for it, and not the slightest difficulty would be experienced in obtaining caterers to take charge of the department.

As practical illustrations of the success of the scheme, behold Columbia and the Normal College of New York, at both of which the "counter" flourishes, to the delight of the men.

If, then, Mr. Editor, you will, by means of your able and influential paper, push the scheme so that the students may soon be able to appreciate its practical advantages, a committee could, with the approval of the Faculty, take charge of the matter, and enable each and every Tech. to enjoy in short order its benefits and comforts.

Hoping that the above may speedily be brought under the consideration of the Institute,

I am very truly yours,

WILLIAM FETT.

EDITOR TECH:—

A college paper should surely have ideas of its own, and a proper expression of its views is commendable; but when it finds its advice has not been followed, for perhaps good and sufficient reasons, and a course determined upon which has been opposed by it, any further comment can but make bad matters worse; and should not the subject then be dropped? Of course I refer to the recent course pursued both in the editorial and local columns of THE TECH in regard to that time-honored, and, let us hope, permanent, Technology institution, the Senior Ball.

Without going much into the merits of the question, to which there are as usual two sides, but one of which has been discussed in THE TECH, I wish to correct a few of the glaring misstatements which have crept into THE TECH, undoubtedly accidentally, concerning this much-talked-of affair. It is said that it has always been a burden financially. I can speak of the last few years only, but during this time never but once, and that last year, has the balance been on the wrong side; for anything over what the committee have gladly made up themselves, and at least once, a large enough sum was realized from the Senior Ball to make up a handsome purse, which was devoted to a worthy object.

As to last year's debt, each class took its share, and two thirds of the amount was soon paid; the other third was not, however, paid until recently, but this was largely due to the illness of the man having the matter in charge.

Now, in regard to the course of THE TECH in printing, in almost parallel columns, the names of the committee who are making the arrangements for the ball, and a startlingly incorrect local, tending intentionally, or otherwise, to prejudice college opinion against the idea, especially in the lower classes, who must rely on THE TECH for their information concerning anything in the past, and upon whom the committee depend for a large part of its support,—certainly this is not fair, and is doing a manifest injustice to the men on the committee. And this, not to mention an editorial denunciation, also. Any one who has been on the committee knows that it is not a bed of roses under the most favorable conditions, and such discouragement increases the difficulties immeasurably.

Before this appears the event will probably have taken place, and, always a great social success, if the committee this year succeed in making our one thoroughly Tech. social institution, the Senior Ball, the usual financial success also (I use the term advisedly), they will deserve our warmest praise, as they have deserved our most generous support. And let us hope that when an affair in which the reputation of the Institute is at stake is fairly under way, THE TECH, no matter what its previous views have been, will, if not supporting it, surely not so persistently "sit upon it."