The local editor reports that affairs are as bad outside as they are within the precincts of The Tech office. The Sophomores have been obliged to forego the phenomena of the Physics lectures, while the lecturer is deriving the law of the influenza from personal observation. The Freshmen in Mrs. Stinson's department have been obliged to draw their conclusions without assistants, as the latter succumbed to the first attack without attempting to take notes on the reaction. Down on the next floor, among the modern languages, the epidemic has made itself at home with the great men, and discourses with fluency in High or Low German as well as in Parisian French.

There is no need to extend the roll of sufferers. Everyone in the Institute has been attacked, except a few of the most hardened characters. Of all the shivering, burning, aching, sneezing, coughing, stifling pests, *la grippe* is the worst. The Lounger knows; he's got it.

The Lounger always argues with himself on the first of January as to whether he shall make the customary good resolutions with the customary poor result, or persist openly in the same unregenerate course of action which has brought him to his present state of indifference. Ten to one the influence of a New Year's conscience would not be permanent, but the effects of humoring it would be novel. How morally refreshing to pitch one's vices out of the window, and pose before one's self as a model of rectitude! Suppose the resolution taken, and the reminders of former good times given over to the rag-picker. The reform is accomplished on an inexpensive basis; for the cards were disfigured, the bottles were empty, the photographs were those of the charmers of yesterday; but cheap reform gives as good satisfaction as any, and may be made as efficacious. Then if too much goodness is burdensome, and worst comes to worst, there is the cherished meerschaum in its case at one's elbow, and the best girl at home as many evenings as ever.

The Lounger knows a dozen men who reform on this plan at the beginning of the year, and any number of times before it ends. It is a good plan, too, and one that has often commended itself to the Lounger. He has slid along so easily thus far, however, that it will take more than a change in the almanac to make him mend his ways, though he will sigh over them a little, as usual, merely out of tribute to the season. He appreciates the effort involved in formulating a set of resolutions, and can congratulate those who keep them; but for himself finds it better to leave things as they are, without overturning his equanimity with projected improvements,—and most of his friends agree with him so far as to adopt his conclusions.

College Notes.

The Harvard Football Association has over nine thousand dollars in the treasury.

The catalogue of Princeton College shows 768 students enrolled,—an increase of 92 over last year.

Both Amherst and Williams have adopted the custom of allowing no student except a member of some one of the college teams, to wear the college initial on his blazer or sweater. This is intended to make the honor of being one of the college athletes more valued.

Four members of the Exeter eleven will enter Yale, '94—Howland, James, and Gilliam of the rush-line, and Word, quarter-back.

There are 115 students at the Harvard Annex this year.

Cornell's new laboratory will furnish room for three hundred and five students, at a cost of $80,000.

Columbia won only one game of football this year, tied in two, and lost six, in five of which they did not score.

The undergraduates at Wesleyan have pledged $1,500 for a new gymnasium.

The new catalogue at Exeter shows an enrollment of three hundred and thirty-four men,—an increase of fourteen over last year.