The members of the Co-operative Board after necessary delays and hard work, have opened the much-talked-of lunch room in the basement of the Rogers Building. We might use, with great appropriateness, the old expression about "a long-felt want being supplied"; for every day when the morning's lectures and recitations are over the "want" is very apparent, and the lunch room has come to cater to it.

Last year several of the Directors considered the plan, but it was not till the first of this that any definite steps were taken for its accomplishment. In the general canvass of the Institute, it received a very hearty indorsement from the students and instructors. The Faculty, without whose support any such scheme must have failed, were decidedly in favor of it, and the Corporation of the Institute have borne much of the expense in fitting up the rooms.

The Woman's Educational and Industrial Union has its direct management, and will supply all food and service. The same order is required in the lunch rooms as in any other rooms of the building.

Wholly in the interests of the students, the prices very low, the food of the best quality, the rooms neat, light, and attractive, there can be no doubt but that the success of our Institute lunch room is assured from the start.

Just before the 25th of last December a petition for two days extra vacation at Christmas was presented to the Faculty. The petition was signed by about two thirds of the undergraduates, and it was generally expected that it would be granted; nevertheless it was refused, mainly on the ground that it did not represent the wishes of a decided majority of the students. It was felt that many of the signers had no particular interest in the success of the petition, and that many who did not sign it were decidedly opposed to the necessity of losing two days out of the work of the term. Moreover, the usual three days had been allowed at Thanksgiving, and the loss of more time would interfere with the recitations and lectures in many of the courses. At the same time, there was a tendency toward granting a longer Christmas vacation if good reasons for such action should be found.

Many of us would be willing to give up the Thanksgiving holidays, and all would be glad of more time at Christmas; now is the time to petition for a change if one is really wished. It is understood that the members of the Faculty would personally prefer to have extra