unable to tell, without some serious conversation with the worthy postmistress, whether or not there is something awaiting him in the letter rack. An elaborate post-office system is as impracticable as it is unnecessary. A system, however, is very much needed which will remedy the many faults of the present scheme. Even if nothing else be done, at least have the letter rack placed where all portions may be viewed with equal facility.

A much more elaborate method than this might be carried out to satisfaction, but even this small change would greatly facilitate the distribution of mail.

Creditors might then receive their checks on time, the minds of debtors would be relieved as to their bills, and those in correspondence with the Faculty might receive their notices.

The majority of students, we are sure, would rejoice heartily to see a new system of mail distribution.

This is the time when we at the Institute should enjoy life. Work is lighter than at any other part of the term, the theatres all offer the best attractions, while the approach of Lent has caused society to strain itself to the utmost to enjoy every precious moment that remains before the dread decrees of Fashion orders the suspension of all forms of gayety, and calls upon its disciples to offer up their sacrifice of abstinence from candy, the theatre, or what not. Here at Tech. we have to forego so much, that we may conscientiously consider ourselves absolved from "swearing off" on anything in particular. And so let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we grind.

The old system of requiring the Freshmen to pass with credits the examinations in two mathematical subjects, in order to be admitted to the Engineering Courses at the beginning of the second year, has been tried, and finally found wanting.

If there is any possible means of evading extra demands for hard work, the Tech. student is apt to discover it, and the Freshmen soon learned to pick out the two easiest subjects, as Solid Geometry and Algebra, and grind them up, thereby allowing their record in Trigonometry to suffer.

In order to counteract this tendency, the Faculty have devised a new method, and now decide from the student's general standing whether he is "proficient" in all the mathematics taken up during the Freshman year, equal attention being paid to each.

This will cause some of the Freshmen to wonder at the result of their examinations; but the change is decidedly for the better, especially where mathematics forms such an important part of our courses as it does.

ATTENTION has of late been called to the custom here of the Freshmen assuming as their colors those of the class that has last graduated.

It is somewhat peculiar to Tech.; as at most of the other colleges a different rule is followed,—as at Harvard, where each Freshman class adopts the same colors.

It should cause the Freshmen to guard against undue freshness, but unfortunately they seldom seem to realize that they have a reputation to sustain, notwithstanding that they are the youngest class, inasmuch that the colors they bear have been, in nearly every case, raised to a position of honor.

Why should we not improve upon this method, and adopt a universal color or set of colors for the Freshmen, allowing them to succeed to the colors of the departed Seniors at the beginning of the second year instead of the first? There are many things about Technology that need improvement, and this might be accomplished without a serious amount of difficulty.

Let the classes discuss the matter at their different meetings, after which a general agreement may doubtless be reached.