The combining of two different courses, as mentioned on page 55 of the "Programme," is certainly of great advantage to those who are able to profit by it. More students try it each year, thinking the broader engineering education thus obtained ample compensation for the extra time spent in study.

But what pleases us perhaps most of all is the fact that the Faculty are strengthening continually the department of "literary, historical, and economic study." No matter how bright the man, how much science he is master of; in these days of general collegiate education, even the engineer must needs be familiar with our language, history, and economic problems in order to be accorded that place in the world which he is otherwise fitted to occupy.

It might be well for all to look over the "Lowell Free Courses" on page 139. Many of these lectures would be very helpful to Tech. students, and doubtless no trouble would be experienced in obtaining tickets to any of the various courses offered.

Elsewhere in our columns will be found a long communication from the Executive Committee of the Class of '93. The good features of the movement therein advocated, and the advantages to be derived from its successful establishment, must be evident to all who will consider thoughtfully the reasons and expected results there stated. The Institute Committee should and will become a living factor in our Technology life, and the various classes should give this suggestion of the Ninety-three Committee the indorsement which it deserves. Undue haste should not, however, be shown in selecting the men for this work. They should be chosen by two, and only two, standards,—the ability to keep in touch with all true Institute interests, and executive merit of high order. No consideration of mere popularity, too often in matters of this kind made the test of selection and the future ruin of the cause, should influence in the slightest degree the choice for the men to take in charge this important commission.

On the fourteenth day of last September Mr. M. Denman Ross died. That we all have met with a sad loss in his death may be judged from the following entry in the records of the Corporation of the Institute:

"In the death of Mr. M. Denman Ross, this Corporation has lost another of its charter members.

"During all the preliminary steps and discussions which led to the establishment of the Institute of Technology, Mr. Ross took an earnest and active interest.

"As early as 1857, a small party of gentlemen, interested in the filling and the developing of this Back Bay district of the city, held frequent meetings at his house; and one of the earliest suggestions made by Mr. Ross was, that a series of squares of this newly made land should be reserved from sale, and devoted to the use of such scientific and educational institutions as already existed, or were likely in the near future to be established in this city.

"This idea he, with others, advocated at the State House for three successive years, till our charter was granted in 1861, and one square of land was forever devoted to the use of this Institute and the Boston Society of Natural History.

"He was also active in finding the early home of our Society of Arts in Mercantile Hall, Summer Street, and was a member of the committee having in charge the erection of Rogers Building.

"He was deeply interested in the work of the Lowell School of Practical Design, and