sider this matter seriously; for, as we have already said, it rests with each man to derive thus all the benefits possible from this source.

IN spite of the energetic action of the Corporation and the Faculty in removing the manifold difficulties which yearly beset our Institute, there still remains a lamentable inconvenience,—the lunch room. This fact, more forcibly brought before us as the student body yearly increases, has during the past few weeks been forced to an uncomfortable realization.

The average student lunches there in order to gain time for accomplishing that "extra work" with which we are all familiar. When once there, after worming his way through the crowd around the counter, he is able even if fortune favor him, to secure food only after ten or twenty minutes. Thus it is, but should not be. The lunch room occupies at present all available room. Space is the article needed, and space must be forthcoming.

We hope the proper authorities will give attention to the matter, so that we may return next fall to find the "place of good cheer" in more commodious quarters.

THEHE issue of last week was a grand success in every way, excepting size of edition. In an hour only thirty copies remained. Next time we shall endeavor to have enough to supply the demand. Evidently Technology appreciates our efforts to improve THE TECH, and if this state of affairs keeps up all may rest assured that no pains will be spared to place THE TECH where it wants to be, and should be,—of the students, by the students, and for Technology. If our finances permit of it, we shall try to introduce from time to time new cuts, extra-page editions, short stories, articles of scientific interest, and, if possible, full-page illustrations. But this all takes money; and, with a debt from the past hanging over us, we must necessarily advance cautiously. With your support, however, all may be attained. News items, stories, poems, scientific articles, even criticism or suggestions,—all will be thankfully received. Especially would we encourage our "poets," who have done wonderfully well late. There is no reason why we should not receive more efforts in that line. THE TECH would like to become a trifle more literary character, and thus become of more pertinent interest and value.

THE concluding articles in Engineering News, on "The Engineering Schools in the United States," have been more than ever interesting to the student at our own Technology, on account of the rigorous criticism the length of the M. I. T. course, and the discussion which has ensued in its regard. In the issue of January 12th, the following statement appears: "We are surprised at the engineers to see also that another school which is otherwise of the very first rank, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is one of the greatest offenders in this respect. It cuts down its 'year' to only thirty-four weeks, thus giving to its professors and students an unconscionably long vacation of eighteen weeks, which, in the great majority of instances, is worse than wasted time for both. The writer then proceeds to classify the possible benefits of such a long vacation main as follows: (a) Field or shop practice. This could be much better secured directly, and such a change would shorten the professors' vacation. (b) Summer class work; but this rarely occupies many weeks, and is of itself rest to the student. (c) Rest, pure and simple. "A claim too silly to discuss in respect to healthy young fellows of 18 or 20." regards the professors: (a) Professor practice, to keep abreast of the times. mere luxury. (b) Research. Only applicable to a select few. (c) Rest, pure and simple. "Is it mere coincidence, or is it cause and effect,