That we are to have an Institute dinner seems to be an established fact. We cannot blame the Juniors for feeling as they evidently do in this matter, since it would undoubtedly be considered a discredit to the class, by the unthinking person, at least, if they were the first to omit a custom, pleasant though rather expensive. The present arrangement seems to be the only feasible method of making the affair self-supporting, and thus merits our commendation.

It becomes rather tedious, this continual exhortation to attend Technology dinners, games, and entertainments; however, the arguments in favor of the Institute dinner are of such weight that we can but urge every one to consider the advantages to be derived by attending it, then to balance up his cash, be economical for a couple of weeks, and finally to invest the requisite amount in a ticket to our Technology dinner.

We cannot express too strongly our appreciation of the fact that the Faculty desire to exhibit social Technology to the public. All of us deplore the general “misinformation” concerning this part of our college life; and now it remains for each one to do his share toward improving the existing conditions. The Institute committee have undertaken an enormous work. If successful, the result will be to raise Technology in the opinion of innumerable people; to prove that the Institute is not the rallying point of farmers, wheelwrights, and blacksmiths; to show that the same earnestness pervades our social undertakings that characterize our studies. But they must fail unless supported by the entire student body. The matter desired is scattered everywhere, and must be collected within the next two weeks. If photographs are wanted, be patriotic enough to contribute them; if information is desired, furnish it. And don’t always wait to be urged, or even asked; anticipate the needs and lighten the labors of “our committee.”

Professor Cross has kindly called our attention to the collection of books on Photography in the Physics Library. Although the collection is by no means complete, it is well chosen and growing. Among its hundred and twenty volumes are American, English, French and German works filled with graphic illustrations and including nearly every phase of photography. Photography for amateurs and scientists, for chemists, engineers, architects, draughtsmen, surveyors, and for general students as well, may all be found there. In short, students of every course at the Institute will do well to improve this opportunity to learn more of an art so closely connected with their work.

During the past week the Library Department has busied itself collecting bound volumes of the theses of the class of ’92, in preparation for the Technology exhibit at the Columbian Exposition. Of the one hundred and eleven new books received from March 23 to March 31, only the following, placed in the General Library, are of special interest.

Dictionnaire universal d’histoire et de géographie. N. Bouillet.
Dictionnaire universal illustre bigraphique et bibliographique de la France contemporaine. J. Lermina.

There are at present 433 current magazines received by the Institute which are distributed as follows:—

General Library, 31; Engineering, 112; Physics, 45;
General Studies, 100; Arch. 26; Chem. 57; Biol. 33;
Geol. 6; Lowell Sch. Design, 6.

We hope that the students in each course will at least learn which are the leading magazines of their department.

Space permits us to mention but one article of peculiar interest to Tech. men, namely:—