THE Institute dinner seems to have died a natural death. Perhaps it is as well so, yet we cannot repress a little feeling of regret that this pleasant custom has been abandoned, even for one year. Undoubtedly it would have been foolish to continue the old Senior dinner, which could not possibly be made self-supporting, but the modifications suggested seemed to remove the chief objections. It was hard for '94 especially, as many might consider the change anything but a compliment to '93. However, an intervening year may set the matter aright; so we must take the will for the deed, and hope that time will settle the problem to the satisfaction of all.

The regular meeting of the Institute Committee was held on April 25th.

Wednesday is to be considered as Institute Day at the World's Fair, and on that afternoon and evening of every week all Tech men are expected to make an especial effort to be at the headquarters, on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Thirteenth Street. There will be a large banquet of Tech students held while President Walker is in Chicago, probably about the 17th of June. The exact date will be published in The Tech as soon as it is known.

The establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in the Institute, is now looked upon as a probability rather than a possibility. President Walker, who is a very prominent member of the society, is heartily in favor of the scheme, and will call a meeting of all the Phi Beta Kappa men on the Faculty to consider the advisability of petitioning for a charter.

As very few designs for an Institute pin have been submitted, that matter has been postponed for a week. It is to be hoped that a suitable design will be chosen soon enough for the students to be able to obtain pins before they leave for the summer.

Work on the "Portfolio of Student Life" for our exhibit at the World's Fair, is progressing rapidly. A large number of photographs will render it very interesting. These will be supplemented by written matter full of interesting and valuable information.

From April 13 to April 26, two hundred and seventy-three new books were received by the Institute. Most of these were of interest only to students in special courses, but the following we note as books also of interest to students who do not regularly use the library in which the volumes are placed:

**Physics Library.**
- Pioneers of Science. Oliver Lodge.
- Modern Meteorology. F. Waldo.

**Architectural Library.**
  (Four volumes and Atlas.)

**Engineering Library.**
- Tables for Earthwork Construction. Prof. C. Frank Allen.

The Mining Library has completed the set of Thouindustrie-Zeitung from Vol. I., 1877. The Physics Library has completed its set of the Proceeding of the Royal Institute of Great Britain from Vol. I., 1851-54.

Slips have been sent out from the General Studies Library requesting the return of borrowed books. It is essential that all books, especially references in Political Economy and English Literature should be at hand before the examinations. No one is expected to keep out books more than one day—excepting over Sunday.