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UR colleges are often reproached that so much of their lecture-room apparatus lies unused, except, perhaps, once a year, when taken from the shelves to be shown to a class. The Institute is certainly not open to this charge. At present, besides its regular use in the class rooms, the electrical and other apparatus is doing service in illustrating the Lowell Institute lectures of Professor Cross in Huntington Hall, Professor Holman’s lectures in the “Advanced Lowell Courses,” the courses of lectures to working-men by Professor Puffer, at the Wells Memorial Institute, and in East Boston, Mr. Derr’s course to the School of Physical Culture, Mr. Smith’s lectures at the Young Men’s Christian Union, and Mr. Fiske’s at the Young Men’s Christian Association. This certainly is university extension without any fuss about it.

WHAT detestable individual, the coat thief, is again amongst us. Several coats have been stolen recently right under our eyes, so let every one look out for suspicious persons. It would be well could the man be caught and used as a butt of student indignation. He would undoubtedly change his vocation.

AGAIN The Tech must complain of the poor means of lighting provided for the libraries. The gas jets are not only lit too late every day, but they are high, flickering, and insufficient as well. There are electric lights in our drawing rooms and engineering laboratories but none such in the libraries,—the very places where the best of light should be provided. The best book cannot be studied in the dark, nor can the Faculty expect men to ruin their eyes without complaint. It might be an easy matter to extend the wires for electric lights already in the different buildings to the libraries. Surely something should be done immediately to remedy this evil, which becomes more apparent as the days grow shorter.

STRANGE, indeed, are the various titles by which our much-abused Institute is designated. Everything from “Boston School of Theology” to “University of Tecology” has reached us, until it seems time to urge a reform. There are so many institutes of all grades in the country, that to be called Institute is confusing. Likewise, “Tech” stands for almost every scientific school in existence, and this title is therefore unsatisfactory. However, there are very few “Institutes of Technology,” and as ours was the first one established, and as it is, moreover, recognized as the foremost one in the country, we undoubtedly are