N view of the very general dissatisfaction expressed by Ninety-four men over the time devoted to Thesis work, it seems fitting that the question of improvement be brought before the proper authorities before it is too late. While no fault could as a rule be found with the number of hours in aggregate set aside on the course schedules, this period was so broken up into single hours that oftentimes they were practically useless. Inasmuch as the majority of theses undertaken by Technology men require careful experiment and investigation, it is of prime importance that unbroken periods be provided. Moreover, where recitations and lecture courses require attendance, experience has shown that men desirous of high ranking are led to slight theses until, toward the end of the year, rapid and perhaps careless work is necessitated and the very purpose of the thesis is defeated.

The difficulty may be obviated either by allowing lectures and recitations to cease after a few weeks of the second term, and the remaining time devoted strictly to thesis work; or by setting aside one or two days a week, as necessity demands, throughout the term, for this purpose. If the problem be properly considered, there is certainly no reason why a remedy should not be forthcoming.

As announced in another column, the Institute committee has attempted to ascertain the possibility of procuring for Technology a charter from the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Heretofore few chapters, if any, have been established in Scientific institutions, possibly on account of a natural conservatism in the academic colleges represented, or because the curriculum of the scientific college differs widely from that of the academic. Relying upon the size and the high standard which Technology has attained, however, and upon the fact that President Walker is one of the twelve members of the Phi Beta Kappa Senate, exertions have been put forth with some hope of success. It is only right that high standing should be rewarded here, as in other institutions, and election into this honorary society insures it most satisfactorily. The Senate meetings are held but once in three years—the next one coming in the near future. At that time our cause must be advanced, and with the amount of interest which is evinced among the instructors who are already members of the society, and by the mass of men at Technology, it is reasonable to hope that a charter will be granted.