IT has been suggested that an Institute reading room, to which students might be allowed access during the evening hours, would be of great advantage. It is true that the Public Library and the Young Men's Christian Association are easily available, yet, in spite of their advantages, they lack that quiet atmosphere which is so comforting to the book lover, and their reading rooms fail of that feeling of coziness which a smaller room would supply. We should be glad to see arrangements made by means of which our General Library in Rogers could be thrown open to students for at least one or two evenings of the week, for we feel that the interesting character of its volumes would attract a large number of men who would find in its well-lighted hall an agreeable change from the monotony of their student quarters.

We have experienced some trouble in obtaining news of interest from several of the courses. While the students as a whole ought to render all the assistance possible in this matter, the success of the local columns of THE TECH largely depends upon the assistance given the editors by the heads of the courses. Without this help it is impossible to make this department of the paper large and representative. It takes very little trouble to furnish the necessary information, and we should be very glad if our professors and instructors would give the matter a little more consideration.

The Y. M. C. A. has been making extensive preparations for two meetings which will be held in Room 26, Rogers, with Mr. S. M. Sayford as speaker. The first meeting occurs on Friday, January 3d, at four o'clock, and the second at the regular noon meeting on Saturday.

Mr. Sayford is without a doubt one of the strongest collegiate speakers in the country. Starting at Amherst in 1888 he has met with wonderful success in his work in every college he has visited. He comes to us with strong indorsements from the presidents of many prominent colleges scattered over the country from New England to California. All students are cordially invited to attend these meetings, notices of which have been widely scattered throughout the Institute, and the Association hopes to secure a representative attendance.

The reference of the important matter of inspecting the old State House building to Professor Swain, and the very general interest which has been aroused in his recent report, simply adds another laurel to the already extended list which the various members of our faculty, and especially Professor Swain, have gained for Technology.

It has been the purpose of the Editors of THE TECH to devote the present issue as largely as possible to the interests of our alumni. The Alumni Association must be most heartily congratulated upon the unqualified success of its last Annual Dinner, to the value of which, as promoting the welfare of our college, we shall have occasion to refer in our next issue.

Whereas the Almighty God in His divine providence has seen fit to remove from our midst, on December thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, our classmate, Max Carleton, who, though he had been with us but a short time, was esteemed and beloved, be it

Resolved, That we, the Class of '99, do hereby express our great sorrow, and our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved family. And be it further

Resolved, That we cause these resolutions to be entered in the minutes of the Class, to be published in THE TECH, and to be sent to his afflicted parents.

For the Class,

Edward Hosmer Hammond.
Roland William Stebbins.
Wallace Field Goodnow.
Clarence Renshaw.