The Lowell Free Courses furnish, yearly, instruction to some twelve hundred persons in Mathematics, Chemistry, Literature, Engineering, Architecture, and Political Science. The Society of Arts holds bi-weekly meetings at which new developments in Science and Technology are discussed; and almost any evening the buildings are seen to be lighted up for the benefit of sundry learned societies. Altogether Rogers holds a unique position; by night and by day it forms a busy center for the investigation and dissemination of scientific truth.

Many complaints about the condition of the alley leading to the Engineering building have been heard. Although the alley is a private way, its use daily by so many students makes its condition a matter of greater interest to us than the public streets leading to the Architectural and Engineering departments. The consideration which the Institute management has always shown for the comfort of its students should lead to a more careful supervision of this much-traveled thoroughfare. For days at a time the path has been so clogged with snow and slush that rubber boots were a prime necessity.

During the last week or so there has been some discussion as to the division of the gymnasium between the Track squad and the gymnasium class. Once in a while the class may outnumber the Track Team candidates. Now shall these fifteen or sixteen men who are training to represent the Institute against other colleges give up this only place of practice to men who are working simply for their own benefit? The advantages for in-door running at Technology are meager enough.

The engagement is announced of Miss Isabelle Luther of Beacon Street to Dr. William H. Walker, Professor of Chemistry at the Institute.

Communications.

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To the Editors of the Tech:

The efforts which several Technology organizations have made, and are now making, to reduce their indebtedness to Boston firms, are so thoroughly in accord with the spirit upon which the Institute Committee was founded, and so wholly consistent with the principles which it has attempted to maintain in the college, that it cannot longer withhold its open approval and must publicly announce its appreciation. It is impossible to estimate, even aside from all moral considerations, the immense practical advantage, and the important relation to the reputation of our college and to the success of our student enterprises, of true financial integrity, whether such honesty be practiced by the college man as an individual, or by his organizations.

To the officers and manager of the Baseball Association, and to Mr. Leighton in particular, the Institute Committee extends its heartiest approval in the work which they so unselfishly undertook,—to raise the debt with which their Association had been burdened for two years.

Now that the Deutscher Verein and L'Avenir are making every effort to secure funds for the payment of the embarrassing debts incurred in the production of the Plays of last Junior week, the committee urges that every man, who can in any way find it possible, shall support this worthy cause. The series of lectures which has been arranged is entertaining and instructive; and constitutes a method of obtaining money which is most commendable.

To the Institute Committee so high a standard of financial responsibility is indeed gratifying; and it is at once, we believe, a harbinger of better, truer success in all of our student undertakings than has ever before been attained.

Charles Gilman Hyde,
for the Institute Committee.