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April, in order to include the new legal holiday, Forefather's Day. Otherwise the unfortunate student, already overburdened with holidays, would have an extra one which might prove utterly destructive of the high standard of work hitherto maintained at the Institute. It would have been still better, perhaps, if these three holidays could have been made to fall on three consecutive Sundays, in which case no time from recitations need have been lost at all.

The numerous examples of posterial art which have of late embellished the corridors of Rogers, are signs of an increasing hold of the beautiful upon the dull heart of the Technology grind. They are also signs of THE TECH, "Technique" and the English plays. Such decorations are instructive and improving; but they may be carried too far. (One, for instance, was taken off THE TECH board recently and carried entirely away.) One day the Lounger noticed a dense throng about the bulletin of the Walker Club plays, and, hastening up to investigate the matter, came away with a roseate blush suffusing his manly brow. Excluding, however, the manifest indecency of this particular specimen, the system of poster advertising is a worthy one, and the Lounger looks soon to see the more enterprising Profs attract tardy students to their lectures by this means.

Every Wednesday and Friday at intervals from nine to ten old Rogers is shaken to its foundations by roars of tumultuous applause. This need occasion no further alarm to the denizens of the Brunswick or the bookworms in the Public Library. It is but one manifestation of the exceeding popularity of a distinguished lecturer. Such adulation must stir the hearts of the remainder of the corps of instruction with unholy envy. Why, then, do they not pursue a similar course, and gain like reward? A pertinent anecdote, an apt quotation, a toothsome jest would come in wondrous well in the depth of a discourse upon Heat or Optics. A just proportion of humor and of lecture, say 1:1 in alternate layers of three minutes' thickness each would be a wondrous assistance in the sometimes irksome task of keeping Somnus under due control.

The Lounger notices with concern that he has omitted a very important factor in the foregoing enumeration of the joys of Junior Week. A book called "Technique," of exceeding interest, is to be issued, so the Lounger hears, by the Class of '97.

The fertile oasis of Junior Week approaches, and the Lounger hastens to welcome it with his usual eagerness, for he is always avid in greeting periods of more than ordinary relaxation from his arduous toils. The Glee Club, crowned with victorious laurel, and the Banjo aggregation, thirsting to avenge past defeat upon a new and unsuspecting audience, open the round of dazzling gayety. Then follows the Junior Prom. to which the Lounger received an invitation couched in terms which would have been gratifying to his vanity had he not discovered in the last number of THE TECH a public notice that tickets were procurable by all more experienced than the humble Freshman, providing only that they be prepared to yield the five modest plunks. The next afternoon witnesses THE TECH Tea, an affair to be of extreme magnificence this year. The whole of the surplus profits accruing to the Board of Editors from the sale of the special '98 number are to be devoted to the purchase of rare and beautiful hangings and upholstery. The Lounger, too, will contribute a sum sufficient to supply light refreshment to those who do not bring their own. At both the Prom. and the Tea the Lounger will, of course, miss no opportunity to murmur sweet nothings in the ear of Beauty, though preserving his usual strict incognito. On Friday night the gayeties close with the Walker plays, which, from sundry hints, appear to be of a character likely to prove extremely popular. Dire rumors of character parts, bloomers and local hits are rife, and evidently the Course IX. man's training in political economy and study of the law of averages have provided against failure through the maintenance of a too severely classic standard.

The absence of any respite from the round of recitations during next week is to be deplored. The three days of vacation in the second term have been ingeniously arranged for the 20th, 21st, and 22d of