More complaint than usual is heard this year of the amount of work required of the men in the Architectural Course. That this does not come from a desire to shirk is shown by the fact that the drawing rooms are always filled until late in the afternoons, on legal holidays, and it is probable that they would be so even on Sundays if the building were open. The requirement of a large amount of work is one of the boasts of the Institute, but if carried beyond a certain point this is apt to prove harmful, rather than beneficial. Although rapidity of design is to be desired, nothing is more detrimental to good work than the lack of sufficient time for conception and execution. The fact that the loyalty of the men concerned prevents them from making any formal representation, impels us to bring the matter respectfully forward.

It may be, perhaps, that the state of affairs is not fully realized by higher authorities, as was the case at the Worcester Polytechnic, where the students complained recently of the same difficulty, and where, when the matter was brought before President Mendenhall, an immediate reduction was made in the amount of work.

We see by the Harvard Crimson that the Student Volunteer Committee of the University is about to make its annual report.

This Volunteer Movement, as it is called, was started about two years ago, and since then has spread from one college to another, until to-day it is, as President Eliot says, without parallel in the history of education. At Harvard, the most influential men in college are taking hold of the matter, and are showing to the world at large that one of the leading characteristics of college men is unselfishness and thought for the less fortunate. In the Associated Charities of Boston, men are acting as voluntary visitors in poor families, and are regularly superintending home libraries, while many Harvard men teach without pay in Italian and other missions of the North End. By far the best known charity, however, is the semi-annual collection of clothing from students of the University, and its distribution to the poor by responsible agencies.

Rehearsals of the French play are making good progress this week, with the generous assistance of M. Bernard, and a good performance is assured for Saturday night. The play is said to be full of amusing scenes, and while the French will be a valuable training for the ear, there is sufficient English in it to make the context plain to all. The presence of four Freshmen in the cast is noteworthy, and should ensure considerable enthusiasm among their classmates.

Three reports have been received by the Cuban Revolution Party of New York confirming the rumors of the death of Maj. W. D. Osgood, and as one was signed by General Garcia, there is now little doubt but that he was killed while directing the fire of his artillery in a minor engagement. Mr. Osgood has left behind him a splendid record in athletics as well as scholarship, and we are sure that his brothers who figure prominently in Technology athletics have the sympathy of the whole Institute.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Samuel Hinkley Allyne, of the Class of '98. Mr. Allyne died of pneumonia at his home in South Framingham, Mass., on Saturday, December 12th, after a short illness.