THE whole college owes its thanks to those in charge of last Friday's ceremonies for the solemn and beautiful manner in which the services were conducted. Especially are the undergraduates grateful for the thoughtfulness which enabled them all to take some part in showing their sense of the blow which has fallen upon them. There was no sentimentality at the funeral; rather a dignified sorrow, borne almost with cheerfulness. This is as he would have wished it, whose watchword was always hope and not despair, and whose example now will always be a strength and an inspiration, as his presence was in his life.

THE beginning of the examinations for the third and fourth years next Tuesday marks the close of the first term, and the approach of the welcome pause in the work of the year. For most of us the time has passed quickly. The second term is of far greater interest to all Institute men, be they Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, or Freshmen, and will pass more rapidly than the first has done.

It is in this part of the year that almost all of the events of importance and interest take place. The class dinners and the festivities of Junior Week are held, "Technique" appears, out-door work in athletics is again taken up, the Seniors choose the subjects for their theses, important outside tests are made by some of the students, and an intercollegiate drill is held.

All these events will help us to make THE Tech more interesting, and the Editors hope to repay the encouraging support they have received from students and alumni.

This number is the last for the term, and the next issue will come out on February 18th.

IT is needless to say that the students at Technology are intensely interested in the approaching semies. We feel, however, that the Freshmen and Seniors have a peculiar interest that is worthy of remark.

The Freshman is disposed to feel at this season that the question is soon to be decided as to whether his coming to Tech. was ill advised or not. This is not the proper attitude to assume; and if it were, the result of one series of examinations is not sufficient ground upon which to base an ultimatum as to a man's ability to continue study here as a candidate for a degree. The proper spirit is to uphold the judgment as sound that prompted him to enter, and with manly determination to qualify creditably in all branches. The men who compose the upper classes to-day were of no higher caliber when they underwent their first semies than the Freshmen who are now about to do so; but they possessed one quality