While it has always been a subject of regret that at the Institute there has been so little done by the Faculty or Corporation to encourage, or even to facilitate, work outside of school hours, another year will bring about a change. As shown by the plans of the first floor of Rogers, published in a recent issue of The Tech, the space now occupied by the Biological Department is to be converted into a reading and general assembly room for students. It will contain the books now found in the library of the English Department, files of the various current periodicals, and a very complete set of books of reference. The cut on the cover of this number of The Tech shows a corner of the library as it will appear. But what should appeal most strongly to men living in the vicinity of the Institute is the fact that the room will be open on at least four nights a week.

Moreover, it is hoped that it will be practicable, if special application is made in advance, to have books on technical subjects brought from the other libraries for the convenience of those pursuing special lines of study. It will thus be possible for one to consult these books outside of recitation hours without taking them home.

Under present conditions, the Institute closes its doors as soon as the day’s recitations are over. The student is left “like wight forlorn” to pass his evenings as best he can. Oftentimes this is in cheerless lodgings, making the most of two or three obsolescent reference books. To such a man it is hard to overestimate the value of a pleasant, well-lighted room, in which he can spend his time in reading and working with his friends. Indeed, from every point of view, the plan, promising, as it does, to satisfy a real want in our undergraduate life, deserves a careful trial.

Now that Amherst has been met and defeated, Tech. must not consider that its work in athletics for the year has ended. For the athletes, the hardest is yet to come. On May 21st the annual New England Intercollegiate Meet takes place at Worcester. To win the championship (and