THE LOUNGER Name

The Lounger is indeed glad to hear that one of the members of our august Faculty and a particularly good friend of his has declared in favor of an exam. theory which has always been a source of great comfort to its originator, THE LOUNGER. The aforementioned Professor believes that better results are obtained in the preparation for the semi-annual ordeal if a man goes to the theatre on the evening immediately preceding the exam. Now this has always been THE LOUNGER’S pet theory. He has practised it for many years and the proof of its efficiency lies in the fact that he is still at the Institute. The Professor thinks that by working steadily up to the evening before the test and then changing one’s train of thought by spending the evening at the theatre, better results are sure to follow in the examination bluebook. Now THE LOUNGER, as he has said, agrees entirely with the Professor, but he has one suggestion to make. If such a course would prove of such benefit to the students it seems as though the Institute should take steps towards having Technology nights at all the theatres during the examinations. The Bursar might distribute tickets from the little window that has so endeared itself to the hearts of all Tech men. And if this theory works well at exam. time why would it not be equally efficient all through the year? THE LOUNGER could surely make better recitations in Applied after his mind has been taken entirely off the subject for some time. And if we are to have the system extend through the whole year perhaps the Corporation would lease the Colonial before it becomes too popular and devote it to the use of the students. The character of attractions might arouse some discussion, but this might be left to the Bursar’s discretion, in which case it would surely be perfectly satisfactory to all.

It is always a source of pleasure to THE LOUNGER to notice that his exhortations are not without effect, and, accordingly, this week he is delighted to announce that the rapid growth of infanticism has progressed as far as the Junior class. THE LOUNGER was called upon last year to remonstrate about the dangerous warlike propensities which were so strongly in evidence in the first year class; this year, he would like to suggest that, although the Walker Building may not be a brilliant example to place before Tech’s youthful architects, still it would be decidedly out of place to project it into the realms of free space at the present time, when all available financial aid is needed for the gymnasium. The two enterprising Juniors who bravely attempted to concoct a preparation of A No. 1 dynamite, should travel out into the wild woods and set up their stills beyond the reach of the police and Tech instructors.

THE LOUNGER felt a complicated conglomeration of feelings pass through his bosom when he saw the latest addition made to the already well-filled Trophy room. THE LOUNGER has watched with great interest the advance of this room, peopled at first with two banners and a cup, till its precincts were narrowed by the arrival of the Y. M. C. A. Advertising Manager among such congenial company. He can see the intense rivalry which will prevail; the aforementioned Musical Club’s manager publishing flaring posters; Technique putting Tech war songs in evidence, and the Y. M. C. A. issuing tracts. THE LOUNGER gives forth this timely notice out of the goodness of his heart, so that his proteges, the Freshmen, may not be surprised if, when descending from Room 42, they should be side-tracked and coerced into any old thing.

It is seldom that one appreciates, or as THE LOUNGER’s friend, Professor B-t-s would say, “appreciates,” the practical value of much that we believe in the line of “applied.” It is only last week that THE LOUNGER brought to notice the example of Technology architecture exemplified in the Walker Building, as a type of what our architectural department could endure. And it is with the same feeling that he notices, as he daily passes through that winding and obscure place known as Engineering alley, the landscape feature on the left side as one turns the corner of the fence to collide with someone leaving the alley. Here we have something which may be studied assiduously with great benefit. A simple construction, it is true, but of what ingenuity. Consider the effectiveness of the structure. For two years the rains and storms have failed to destroy this monument. True, the wall now has a fine parabolical curve, and the earth behind it has sunk to the level of a course X. man’s expectations to get through his exams. But the sagacity shown in such a feature is enough to balance all its weaknesses. Week by week, we may expect to see that wooden wall bulge more and more, but what of that? The alley is well paved, and it were a fastidious individual who should wish to use the plank walk.