To those who this year are making their entrée
upon the little stage called the Massachusetts Insti-
tute of Technology, and who are to act their part
thereon, THE LOUNGER would fain offer the advice
that, while to be ambitious is well, to be cautious is
better, and in a stage filled with phenomena like our
Bursar, Spinoza and Janitor John, to say nothing of
THE LOUNGER and Professor B- rdw -11, it is well to
practice the retiring virtues. To those also, to those
who will shortly worship at the shrine of the Pro-
fessor of Mechanical Drawing and receive inspiration
at the hands of the Professor of Freshman Chemistry,
THE LOUNGER extends the most cordial hand-shake
that it is possible to give.

It is now more than four months since THE
LOUNGER lay down his pen, and it is with a feeling of
sadness that he now takes it up. True it is that the
Institute has prospered in many ways during that
season, and that it has grown prodigiously this year
in numbers. Can it, however, be forgotten even for
one ephemeral second that we have lost from among
us C. 14. L. N. Bernard and Corporal Bailey? Quan-
titatively we have gained undoubtedly, but quali-
tatively? The Institute will seem to those who have
dwelt in the glory of the sun-burst personality of the
first and the mellifluousness of the secnd, hardly
like the Institute- of old. There is one reassuring
note, however, in the fact that, with all necessary
apologies, THE LOUNGER is still on deck, and that
THE 'FECH is still given away for an economic ex-
change of two dollars.

As Tech enters upon the season of misery and
torment designated in the catalogue-as the school
year, THE LOUNGER would seize time by his hoary
beard and uncover a few mysteries for the benefit of
the C seeking Freshman.

The first matter requiring explanation is that the
table in Roger's Corridor upon which small books
were displayed on the opening day, was the Y. M. C. A.
Information Bureau. The individuals stationed be-
hind the table should technically be termed informers.
The above mentioned books may be used for the
keeping of accounts, and as a handy place for Co-op
tickets. THE LOUNGER would suggest that there is
no necessity for entering the fact that two dollars
was expended for Freehand Charlie's Letter Plates.
The Freshman will probably remember that.

The "Cage" in the farther end of the corridor is
not essentially a repository for hats. Other articles,
such as drill suits, may be left there. The use of the
term "Cage" is unfortunate. It should have been
reserved for that portion of the secretary's office, best
connected in the student's consciousness with the
date October roth. (No remuneration is expected for
this adv).

By the way, in case an upper-class man can be
persuaded to part with the drill suit of his youthful
days, if he should chance to remark that it is second-
handed, pay due respect to his age and experience.

The Freshman should evince no surprise at the
inscription over the Chapel door. If the words
"Brunswick Exchange" were inscribed in Greek
characters it might appear more classical; however
the student is just as welcome. Prayer-books may
be obtained at Mac's and Ridler's. Searles' is
generally conceded to be the better, but Allen's has
one advantage in being cheaper.

Since the immortal occasion when the chief execu-
tive of the Y. M. C. A. received a letter addressed:
John Smith, President Mass. Inst. of Technology,
Boston, THE LOUNGER has naturally felt even more
than the usual respect for that institution. When,
on October 2nd, he entered Rogers: and saw in the
corridor the Y. M. C. A. table covered with many and
various things he made haste to obtain from there
one of those little books of which the Freshman
asks "Do you give these away?" Such was the
manner in which THE LOUNGER became acquainted
with the following extract from this cyclopedia of
exact knowledge which is furnished for the benefit of
the unsophisticated:

1902.

Semi-annual Exams. begin Feb. 11, 1902.
Second term begins Feb. 11.
Annual Exams. begin March 27.
Degrees conferred, School ends June 10.

Just how far such information is of living value is
not for THE LOUNGER to explain. But surely the
prospect of the semi-annual examinations begin-
ing the same day as the second term, and that
February 11th, and, further, the indication that the
final examinations commence March 27th, would
rather lead one to suspect that the second term, this
year will be, to put it mildly, a cinch. In comparison
with this regime at Tech, life at that casino for the
young across the Charles, must be grinding indeed.

It has been suggested to THE LOUNGER by a Pharisee
that the Y. M. C. A. printer must, like many others,
attend chapel, but this THE LOUNGER regards as a
base slander.