ITH the middle of January the undergraduate of the Institute approaches the end of the term's work. Already the hours of study begin to lengthen in anticipation of the time when the examinations will be a certainty, and not merely a source of continual worry and anxiety. Nevertheless, along with the gloomy thoughts produced by the appearance of the "exam." schedule comes the pleasanter question as to the time of departure for home, and what is the earliest possible train to take. The Senior begins to think of his thesis work, and the Junior and Sophomore have already hunted in the catalogue for their next term's subjects; but to the Freshman is presented by far the most vital and important question, that of the choice of a course. With the importance of this question in mind, it has given us great pleasure to be able to secure an article by Professor Talbot on the "Choice of a Course." It may be found on another page, and is well worth reading.

WICE at student mass meetings before Christmas President Pritchett mentioned a matter of great interest to all Technology men, and made a happy suggestion, which was at the time most enthusiastically received. That the suggestion has been by no means fully followed out is due, we are sure, to the very human faults of procrastination and forgetfulness, and certainly not to any intentional neglect of our president's wishes.

The Booker Washington Fund amounts at the present time to about $25,—less than half of what is needed, and of what it was thought could be easily raised by small individual contributions. Individual contributions have been quite large, so that certainly not more than two hundred students have so far helped, and it is doubtful if more than a hundred have done so. The natural query is: Where are the thousand or more other students? We hope that their attention will be called to the matter by this statement of facts, and that the result will be immediate and generous visits to the little tin box still on the president's office door.