FROM the current issues of the President's Report and the Annual Catalogue we learn that the general course, Course IX., will not be open to students entering in the future. The Executive Committee of the Corporation must have had strong reasons for discontinuing it, for although it is not a purely scientific course, and has not appealed to a large number of students, still it is not by any means the smallest course, and it has had a helpful influence toward the other courses. The change does not seem in harmony with the recent efforts to emphasize the relation of man to mankind. The Faculty have, we are told, always deplored the lack of general and broadening studies presented at the Institute. In view of this, the removal of the one course which presents any large field for these studies seems somewhat inconsistent on the part of the Corporation.

ANNUAL CATALOGUE.

THE Annual Catalogue for 1902-1903, which is just out, embodies a number of changes. The new form and classification of the Subject Schedule, which will be appreciated by all, is the most prominent improvement.

The Register of Graduates has also received a decided renovation, greatly cutting down the required space and improving the appearance. A comparison of the Courses of Instruction in the various departments in this and last year's catalogues shows some marked deviations which should be carefully studied by the students of these various courses. The Schedule of Subjects in three Graduate Courses is presented for the first time in this year's issue; namely, Architecture, Chemistry and Naval Architecture.

The most striking announcement, however, is a little footnote under Course IX. — General Studies: "This course is given only for students entering before 1902," which is in accordance with the vote of the Executive Committee of the Corporation to discontinue this course.