'84.

CLASS OFFICERS: G. T. Jarvis, President; A. L. Rotch, Secretary and Treasurer.

The class of '84 entered the M. I. T. with seventy-five members. It contained representatives from fifteen States, and from Mexico, Japan, and China. We regret to note the absence this year of our Oriental friends, who were called home during vacation. We followed the custom of '83 by giving a Freshman ball; near the close of the second term we gave a small party in the gymnasium, in connection with the prise drill. The latter resulted in the awarding of the prizes to corporals Hunt and Bridgman respectively. The class was well represented in athletic sports, a large proportion of both the base-ball and foot-ball teams being taken from its number.

We are now entering upon our second year with sixty-six members, four of whom are new men. Five are mastering the science of curves, "cuts and fills," and "trusses and draws"; seven are becoming familiar with the various parts of the steam-engine and the application of forces; nine are looking forward to reclaiming minerals from the earth by means of the pick and shovel, hammer and drill; while one is acquiring the science of beauty in combination, and nine more are mastering symbols, atomic weights, and molecular composition. Many more are working with a view to the immediate requirements of the walks in life which they have chosen. The Tech extends a hearty support to all, and hopes to hear often from the various departments in which the class is represented.

A FRAGMENT.

DEDICATED TO ROBERT.

Paper in hand stood the printer boy,
Papyrograph before him;
And his face lit up with a smile of joy,
As a fiendish thought passed o'er him.
He stamped that thought on the yielding pad,
With many a hard impression;
"Who reads them notes," quoth the grinning lad,
"Will require an extra session."

'85.

CLASS OFFICERS: H. G. Pratt, President; Redington Fiske, Vice-President; W. A. Chapman, Secretary; Edward H. Dewson, Jr., Treasurer.

The military organization of the Freshman Class is now fairly effected. The officers are as follows: A. Stuart Pratt, Major; W. A. Chapman, Adjutant; T. H. Howard, Quartermaster; Jean Grosvenor, Sergeant-Major; H. Ward, Quartermaster-Sergeant; R. H. Hunt, R. H. Damon, Captains; F. F. Johnson, T. C. Dupont, First Lieutenants; W. H. Dawes, C. R. Richards, Second Lieutenants.

The students of '85 have, almost without exception, signed a petition praying the Faculty for permission to substitute brass buttons for the prescribed gutta percha buttons of the uniforms. The Faculty have seen fit to refuse the petitioners, but for what reason it is difficult to determine. That the object of the petition will yet be granted is a consummation devoutly to be wished. The military drill, at its best, is one of those blessings that are forced upon us; and to a large class, composed of students who already have an acquaintance of from one to six years with the allurements of "setting up," it partakes of the nature of a "dem'd horrid grind." Further, the purchase of uniforms is obligatory, and by many of the students is undesired. It seems, therefore, in view of these facts, that the wishes of the Freshmen, as expressed by so unanimous a petition, should be respected.

If Coleridge, who wrote that on entering the city of Cologne he "counted two-and-seventy stenches, all well-defined and several stinks," could have spent a part of last week in the First Year Laboratory, he would have voted by a large majority that the city of Cologne was nowhere.

Copeland, '85, ran fifteen miles the other day in the gymnasium. He showed considerable pluck to keep up as he did, though the time was not especially good.