The present prospects of the Freshman Ball, Dec. 22, are of the brightest, and it promises to be a most enjoyable affair. One admission ticket is to be given to each student of the Institute; additional tickets and supper checks are for sale by the committee.

Our military officers are considering the question of new swords and belts. They would make a decided improvement in the officers' appearance, besides being, in the future, pleasant reminders of our Institute days.

Mr. Munroe, '82, has fully recovered from his attack of jaundice. We noticed that he was quite blue before he turned yellow, and now we rejoice that he has regained his normal color, — white.

The pugnacious chemist and argumentative physicist are at present engaged upon solving the following: Is thought deduced from the molecular activity of the protoplasmic, grayish-white, spongy mass, which in manifold contortions and convolutions occupies the cerebellum?

The article by T. B. C. in our last issue should receive serious attention, as under our form of government there is nothing more important to a well-informed man than a good address and fair knowledge of parliamentary law.

Mr. Alfred Butler, '82, recently delivered a lecture on "Geology" at the Warren Street Chapel, in this city, under the auspices of the Winthrop Literary Association. The audience was large and appreciative, the lecture being made doubly interesting by the large number of illustrations.

The chemists also had a spread over in the Industrial Lab. the other day. The first course consisted of crackers, the second of potatoes, and the third of corned beef. Whe-e-e-e-e-w!!! We noticed, however, that the contents of several bottles on the side shelves had materially diminished.

The following is the partial list of what the chemists have been working on in the Industrial Lab.: Manufactures of salts, paints, soap, glass, whiskey, and rum; dyeing, bleaching, calico-printing, alcoholic fermentation, fractional and destructive distillation, extraction of ammonia from nuts, bones, etc.; comparison of zinc white and white lead.

It is said that one of the boarding schools on Newbury Street was enriched the other evening by a portion of a Freshman's ulster. He left in such an ecstatic frame of mind that he was unaware that his outer garment had been locked in the door. He found it harder than ever to "tear himself away."

A last year's graduate noticed that an architectural Soph., who was walking in front of him, threw something shiny down on the pavement. He, marveling what it was that merited such contempt, picked it up, and wonderful to relate, it was a large button of pure gold worth $22.50, which he had recently assayed and lost. That sweetly ignorant architect evidently had "all that glitters is not gold" running in his noddle.

**Exchanges.**

WHAT a queer way of using Latin some college papers have! We were clipping our way through an exchange the other day, when we suddenly encountered Alumniorum. Another exchange tells us about Personalia and Cornelliania. Oh, friends, sufficient unto the paper is the stuff thereof! Weiania haviorum hadia Latinianiorum enoughiaorumiania!! A-maveram. Selah.

The Polytechnic folks are thoughtful enough to send us their back numbers. Shake, Poly.

Judging from the Brunonian, mortar boards are all the go at Brown.

We like the Princetonian. It is sensible. It speaks English. No. 10 is fully up to the mark, and carries with it a supplement. Judging from the number of advertisements, the agent of the Princetonian must be a very busy man.

The Lampoon gives a pictorial description of the game with Yale. It is the wettest thing on record. The Lampoon has discovered why Harvard is below the average in athletic sports.