The proceedings of the Society of Arts of the Institute for 1879-80 and 1880-81 are published in pamphlet form, and are on sale at A. Williams & Co.’s.

The greatest social event of the season, the Tech dinner, came off at the appointed time. Since it was decided to have a dinner, applications for editors’ positions have been more numerous than ever.

Conditions in the following subjects will be made up if the student passes the annual examinations in those subjects: Tactics, English, First-Year Chemistry, Projections, and French, Second and Third Year Physics and Mining.

"Ike has an irrigating skin disease: charlotte russe broke out all over him, and if he had n’t worn the Injun beads as an omelet, it would doubtless have culminated fatally." — Mrs. Partington, in Ex.

The following are some of the typical questions howled around the quantitative laboratory for the week ending May 6: Where in thunder is my lamp stand? Who’s got my filter pump? Say, Mr. Allen, have you confiscated any beakers lately? Who have I lent my sand bath to? Jim, did you return my desiccator?

A canvass of ’85 shows that a large number of the students of that class will take the course in mechanical engineering next year. This is an additional reason for an immediate increase in the facilities at the command of this department. It is to be hoped that one of the results of the new building scheme will be a commodious steam laboratory next fall.

At the meeting of the Society of Arts last Thursday evening, Prof. Lanza presented papers on the strength of wooden mill columns and the transverse strength of spruce beams. The first paper contained the results of the professor’s recent tests at Watertown made on columns taken from mills. The laboratory testing machine was explained by aid of the stereopticon, and an outline of the students’ work on beams was given. At the close of the meeting, Prof. Lanza exhibited the working of the machine to those interested, and broke a beam four by twelve inches at 7,500 pounds.

At last Thursday’s meeting of the Boston Common Council, the city treasurer was authorized to borrow $100,000, to cover the estimated expense of taking Trinity Square for a public park. The subscription fund in aid of the new park now amounts to $20,000.

A social reunion of the Alumni and graduating class of the Institute will be held at Young’s Hotel, on the evening of Friday, May 26, at eight o’clock.

You don’t say a girl is mashed any longer: she is resolved into an undifferentiated mass of protoplasm.

Exchanges.

In looking over the last issues of our exchanges, and as usual, turning first to the exchange column, we find in many cases unmistakable evidence that the control of the paper has passed into new hands; and we catch our breath as we think of the cutting and slashing, the mangling and general slaughter, of harmless exchanges which must be gone through with before the incipient hero of the department shall be satisfied that his valor has been established, and he can afford to calm down and treat the failings of his brethren of the pen with more of patience and less of scorn. While this annual change of the editorial board is perhaps necessitated by the requirements of college life, and is doubtless in some ways an advantage,—as by its means a considerable number of students are brought into connection with the paper and share whatever ben­fits are derived,—still we cannot restrain a feeling of com­miseration for the general readers of the college paper who, with each new board, are obliged to stand a repetition of the same general flattery or wholesale denunciation of other papers, tinged with more or less evident editorial conceit, until by a somewhat bitter experience the editors grow