somewhat differently arranged. Besides these changes, the editors intend to introduce several new features, which, if found interesting, will be continued through the year.

One of these departures is the establishment of an alumni column of personal items, which we hope to make of special interest to all alumni of the institution. A circular has been sent to each alumnus, stating the plan for such a column, and inviting him to send us any items in connection with his life or work which would be of interest to his classmates, or which might prove of assistance to those students who are preparing themselves for the same profession or department which he has already entered. The experience of those who have gone before and encountered the practical difficulties in the path, if put within reach of the student, may have considerable influence in his choice of a profession, and be of no little help in his preparation for real work.

A further statement of the aims of this department will be found at the head of the column in another part of the paper.

Another new feature will be the column of the publications of members of the school and alumni, which will be issued occasionally.

We hope also to give, in connection with Science Notes, short accounts of the original work done in the school by the professors or students.

During the year we intend to publish a series of short sketches of the lives of the founders and benefactors of the Institute, each article to be accompanied by a full-page portrait. This series, it is hoped, will be found of considerable interest to all friends of the institution, and will provide our readers with a complete set of valuable memoirs.

As the paper is published principally for the students, the major part of its columns are to be filled with matters relating to the every-day work in the buildings, with articles and serials contributed by the students, communications, athletic and social matters, reports of meetings, local items, and all matters of importance and interest to each in his connection with the school.

We are aware that the programme laid out involves no little work for the editors, which must be done without interference with regular duties in the school; but we think we have reason for believing that the work will be done, and that the present editors earnestly desire to make The Tech as complete a success in its own province as the other departments of our honored institution have become in theirs.

It is essential to the literary success of The Tech that the students should take a wholesome interest in its welfare, and should contribute articles from time to time; but as the experience of the past year has demonstrated that such will not be the case unless there are some incentives offered, the board of directors, in view of the brilliant financial outlook of the paper, have decided to offer the following prizes during the present year:

One subscription to The Tech to the person sending in the best contribution for each number; to subscribers, this prize will be $2.00.

Twenty-five dollars and a $10 gold medal to the subscriber doing the most to further the interests of The Tech by contributing cartoons for the present volume.

Forty dollars and a $10 gold medal to the subscriber doing the most to further the interests of The Tech by literary efforts during the present year.

A prize of $25 is offered for the song which, in the judgment of the directors, shall be most suitable for the "Institute Song." All songs to be handed in before Feb. 1, 1883. The management may reject any or all contributions.

In addition to the exchanges of last year, the following periodicals will be placed in the reading-room: Puck, Punch, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Century, Atlantic Monthly, Nature, Chemical News, Spirit of the Times, New York Herald, and one or more of the Boston daily papers.