our conduct when the action of one can provoke a rebuke so general.

The means employed by a few of the students to clear the Institute steps of the heterogeneous crowd which gathered there at the time of President Arthur's visit gave to the reporters an opportunity, of course improved to the utmost, of chronicling what is known in their inflated diction as a "student outrage." In principle, however, the students were not at fault. They certainly had a right to the steps; and as about three hundred of them had tried in vain for a place elsewhere, it would seem that the "ladies and gentlemen" would have yielded their positions after having been repeatedly and politely requested to do so. They did not, however, so a few of the more thoughtless of the students threw several cupfuls of water upon them from an upper window, while others slowly forced the crowd from off the topmost steps. This at its worst was only the action of a few, and although worthy of censure, should not reflect upon all. We trust that hereafter the offenders will confine themselves to more gentlemanly methods of expostulation, and not again endeavor to emulate Old Probabilities in the distribution of "local rains."

It is with great pleasure that we can record the opening of a new reading-room and library. The want has long been felt that there should be some place on the upper floors where students could study, and not be disturbed as they usually are in their drawing-rooms.

Room 22, the former first-year drawing-room, has been cleared of desks, a new floor laid, eight large tables put in, and the door into the side passageway reopened. This room is intended especially for the civil and mechanical engineers, though of course it is open to the other departments as well.

Close by the entrance and in front of the model-room a space has been partitioned off, and upward of a hundred hooks put up, for the reception of hats and coats. By this arrangement the old coat-room on the main floor will be much less crowded, and will be used mostly by Freshmen and those specials who have no regular department rooms.

The library on the first floor will still be open to students, and there, as last year, the exchanges of The Tech will be placed. Now that there will be so many more periodicals than formerly, and at the same time an increase in the number of persons using the room, it is hoped that each one will take a pride in the appearance of the tables, and return all exchanges to their proper places.

The old "Gym," whose architectural beauty has for so many years marked the corner of Boylston and Clarendon Streets, has at last disappeared, and soon the walls of another building will be seen rising in its place. The Institute has long greatly felt the need of a well-equipped gymnasium; and as we looked for the last time upon that peculiar combination of drill-shed, lunch-room, ward-room, and gymnasium, we could not but congratulate ourselves upon the promising outlook for a new and better building. And now that one is in the process of construction, we will let it speak for itself, and make upon it but few comments.

The site of the new building is on Exeter Street, with its entrance lying directly opposite St. James Avenue. The ground dimensions are the same as the old gymnasium, 150 x 50 feet.

The walls, which are of brick, are seven or eight inches lower than those of the other building. The same old timbers, roof, floor, and apparatus are to be put in, while the heating, sanitary, and lighting conveniences will probably not materially differ. Why the building was not made higher instead of lower than the old one, and why the contract for building was not given before September last, are mysteries that yet await explanation.

The result, as concerns our sports, is obvious. No gymnasium for three weeks yet, and tennis, pole vaulting, and other sports depending upon a building of respectable height barred out. No