small loss to an athletic club whose sports, at the best, are necessarily so handicapped.

But a slight increase in the expenditure would have made the new building much superior to the old, whereas, as now planned, it will prove inferior; and it would seem that either a spirit of entirely uncalled for economy or a serious disregard of the value and the requirements of athletic exercises has prompted the erection of so unsatisfactory a building.

As now being put up, the building will cost between $4,000 and $5,000.

THE Freshman editor on THE TECH has not yet been appointed, and men in the class desiring the position should begin to contribute without delay, as by contributed articles only can the directors judge of the writers' editorial ability. Contributors should remember that THE TECH pays attention only to those articles which are written on one side of the paper and accompanied by the name of the writer. Articles in competition for the prizes offered subscribers should not be of excessive length. Good humorous poetry and articles in a light vein will be especially acceptable. In order to raise the standard of our illustrations, we must insist on certain requirements. All cartoons submitted should be of merit, both in design and execution. The lines should be distinct, and drawn in black ink, either Higgins's or india ink, and no wash be used. The width of cartoons must be from two and a half to three inches for the single column, or from four and a half to six inches for a full-page cartoon. Those intended for photographic reduction may be one half larger than the sizes given.

THE editors regret that the heliotype of Dr. Walker, given in the present issue, is not entirely satisfactory. The only available method of procuring the portrait was by photographic reduction from a large painting, and in the process the effectiveness of the picture has suffered somewhat.

Contributions.

WILLIAM JOHNSON WALKER was born in Charlestown, Mass., in the year 1790. He graduated at Harvard University in 1810, and for some years pursued his studies in medicine, under the guidance of Gov. Brooks of Medford. In order to better qualify himself for his profession, he continued his work at the best schools in France and Germany, spending much time at Leipzig, and was a surgeon in the French service at the battle of Waterloo. After returning home, he practised for many years in Boston and vicinity. As a physician and surgeon, Dr. Walker ranked among the very first; and no medical man of his day enjoyed a higher reputation. He was especially remarkable for his insight into the nature and causes of disease, his power of diagnosis being often compared to that of the celebrated English physician Radcliffe.

In 1845, after a long and successful professional career, Dr. Walker gave up his practice, to the great regret of the many who had benefited by his skill, and devoted himself entirely to business.

At the time of his death, which took place after a severe illness, in April, 1865, he had amassed a fortune of a million and a quarter of dollars.

Of the many generous donors to the Institute of Technology, Dr. Walker is entitled to be regarded as the most prominent. His first gift of $75,000, during his lifetime, was at a critical period in the early history of the Institute. As is well known, the grant by the Commonwealth of the land on which the buildings are now located was on condition that not less than $100,000 should be raised by subscription within one year. This condition not having been fully complied with, the legislature extended the time for another year. When this had nearly expired, only about $40,000 had been subscribed. It was then that an appeal was made to Dr. Walker, then a resident of Newport, R. I., by a circular of the Finance Committee. Soon