is a decided improvement over the old, though as a drill shed it can never be what a gymnasium should be.

We find it necessary to call the attention of our readers to one of the new departments of the paper,—the "Alumni Column." It would appear that our graduates, having been through the same courses and trained for the same definite professions, should be more interested in each other's career in after-life than are the graduates of the general college, and that a rightly conducted "personal" department in our paper should be well received. A large number of college publications sustain departments of this kind, which have proved entirely successful, increasing considerably the circulation of the paper and adding to its value.

There seems to be no lack of appreciation of the utility of our own department, for many of our correspondents and others have expressed themselves in its favor. We find, however, that it will be impossible to continue the column unless contributions be more frequent, for only by contributions from graduates themselves can these personal notes be made interesting to former classmates and friends. Should each alumnus send us some account of his present situation, his occupation and success therein, he would, we think, be well repaid by the increased information which would be given him in the column; and we earnestly invite contributions from every graduate.

The progress of the Y. M. C. A. building, now in process of building at the corner of Berkeley and Boylston Streets, is watched with much interest by the students. Last year there was a report current that the Institute was to have the use of their new gymnasium, and that it would be ready for use at the beginning of the present term; consequently, when the students returned and found that it would not be ready at least for another year, much disappointment was felt; however, the lower classes of the Institute ought to congratulate themselves that they will have a good gymnasium, where they will be better able to compete with the records of other colleges.

It seems as though we might obtain another benefit from this association, for instance, societies which have regular meetings ought to obtain room in the new building at reasonable rates; still the building does not look very inviting at present for society meetings, so we must wait and see what arrangements can be made in the future.

Lacrosse.

As this game has lately been introduced at the Institute, a few words on the subject may not be out of place.

Lacrosse is more properly the national game of America than any other athletic game, as base-ball, which originated in the game of rounders, and foot-ball have both been introduced from England. Lacrosse was played here by the Indians before the time of Columbus, and was employed in Indian strategy as a means of surprising forts during the early frontier wars.

Its introduction into the United States is of comparatively recent date, and consequently all clubs are on a more nearly even footing than had the game been played here for a considerable time.

Lacrosse has been the national game of Canada for years, and the contests attract as large a number of spectators as our league ball games, while ladies attend in greater numbers than they do at any athletic sports here, with perhaps, the exception of the Harvard-Yale base-ball games. The Canada clubs are the champions of the world.

The game was introduced into England in 1867, where it attracted considerable attention. The Lacrosse Association of London was formed, and a set of laws differing slightly from those in force in Canada adopted.

In 1879 the U. S. National Amateur Lacrosse Association was organized, which adopted in general the Canada laws.

Last year, I believe, there existed an Inter-