Alumni Column.

[This department can be made complete only by continued contributions of items of general interest in connection with the lives and occupations of alumni, graduates, and former members of the Institute. We invite the co-operation of each alumnus, and ask for full and frequent contributions to the column.]

75. Frank S. Dodge, who was with the Hawaiian Government Survey, from 1877 to 1881, is at present civil engineer for the Union Iron and Steel Company, Chicago, Ill.

75. W. F. Sargent is practising civil engineering at Grand Forks, Dakota.

78. J. W. Rollins, Jr., has the position of chief engineer on the Atlantic and Danville Railroad, at Waverly, Sussex County, Va.

78. The following postscript appended to a letter from Linwood O. Towne, '78, gives a hint of the present life of some of our graduates: 'If any of you men back at M. I. T. want food for reflection on the subject, 'Is life worth living?' let him shape his course so as to bring him to a snow-bound mining camp, thirty miles from railroad, over two of the Rocky's highest ranges; time, midwinter; society, three young ladies and forty young gentlemen, and generally a 'life in log-house' sort of existence to which other things correspond.' L. O. T., '78.

81. David S. Bissell has returned from his studies abroad, and will soon go into the iron business.

81. F. H. Allen is about to resign his position at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

81. Webster Norris recently delivered a lecture before the Cambrian Scientific Institute, at Johnstown, Pa.

81. Ira Abbott has been elected vice-president of the Toronto Bridge Company.

81. H. H. Cutler and G. A. Mower have an office together at 82 Water Street, Boston. They are agents for the Dean steam pump and Crosby gauges and steam fittings.

81. A. L. Tyler is at the Joliet Steel Works.

82. S. Morton Munn leaves for Cincinnati in a few days, there to engage in the manufacture of artificial fertilizers.

83 and '84. R. F. Herrick, formerly of '83, and W. P. Kennard, formerly of '84, are residing together in Lowell. Mr. Herrick is employed as chemist by the Merrimack Manufacturing Company. Mr. Kennard is employed by the United States Bunting Company. Their rooms are at 38 Linden Street.

84. F. H. Newell has returned, after a year's absence, and has joined the class of '85 as a regular.

See Columbia Spectator of Dec. 14, 1882, in regard to our A. A.'s collar.

The tale of a coat. T-ck-rs.

Do you wear the Institute necktie?

When is the Freshmen dance to be, or aren't they to have any?

"Don't call me —-; call me Finnegan," says a third-year civil.

There is a Freshman called "?" Wherever he goes, it means questions.

We think B—- had better "grind" on some old spelling-book for a few weeks.

The examination of the special class in Spanish will be held Jan. 8, at 3:30 p.m.

According to present indications, the Freshman ball will be given early next term.

No "free blows" at the new skating rink. Special rates practically not obtainable.

"Crushed again!" is what the opera hat said as it came in contact with a lamp-post one morning.

The V. L. Club are such fast eaters that they have to set the clocks ahead every day to keep up with them.

Tompkins says it is a great bother to mark his hat-bands so as to wear the one she gave him, when he calls on her.

Messrs. Tyler and McFarlane, last year's assistants in the chemical laboratories, paid the Institute a visit the other day.

Foreigners complain that Americans have no reverence for king and queens. No, not if we have the bowers and jokers.

Eighty-four civil engineers, who have been greatly surprised in being told that they will have no more lettering after this term, are exerting themselves to the utmost to gain a proficiency in this, one of the greatest of all arts.