find plenty of examples in the city of Boston: here is about. In the open country it is better in many re-
hundred people are every day exposed to needless dan-
cause I know that in many a building two or three
building where the floor is vibrating like that
from vibration is five per cent more than the economy
with reference to the health of women that are free
expert opinion that the economic value of buildings
and little vibration. Dr. Edward C. Clarke gave as his
be brought, are the best. They have greater stability
pleasantest in the building, is used for rubbish, and be-
heat out; and the upper story, which ought to be the
the first exposure to heat; they let the cold in and the
felt is put on, and then the slates. The latter crack at
usual covering is, first, boards, not set very close; then
floor, the water can play anywhere between the timbers,
protected from water; whereas, with the open timber
gets in between the vertical pieces, and is completely

granite begins to crumble and the iron to cripple, and
proof." If, for instance, it is stored with cotton, wo.
In the streets of Boston be-
and iron, with nothing but shilam behind it. I have of
taste, as a pretty picture of a structure in brick, stone,
These seven or eight story buildings should be
avoided, especially for industrial purposes, for not
only is the vitality of the operatives wasted in climbing
stairs, but the buildings themselves are dangerous,
and the chances of escape from them are insufficient.
The long, flat buildings, as near one story as they can
be brought, are the best. They have greater stability
and little vibration. Dr. Edward C. Clarke gave as his
expert opinion that the economic value of buildings —
with reference to the health of women — that are free
from vibration is five per cent more than the economy
of the building where the floor is vibrating like that

Nothing is so offensive to me, or to any man of right
taste, as a pretty picture of a structure in brick, stone,
and iron, with nothing but shilam behind it. I have of
late years lost all interest in the streets of Boston be-
cause I know that in many a building two or three
hundred people are every day exposed to needless dan-
ger in an infamous way. . .

There is another thing that I will say a few words
about. In the open country it is better in many re-
spects to build a storehouse in what we should con-
sider the most combustible way than to build it "fire-

or goods which may be greasy, they may take fire by
spontaneous combustion, and, if the building is fire-
proof, it serves to keep the heat in and the firemen out;
therefore, where there is room and space, we recom-
mend the construction of a one-story building, with
thick plank roof, heavy posts, and the lightest possible
wooden sides, so that the firemen can tear down the
sides and withdraw the goods rapidly, and reach the
fire in the quickest way.

Alumni Meeting.

The Alumni Association of the Massachusetts
Institute of Technology held its annual
meeting at Young's on Thursday, Jan. 18.

The business meeting was called to order at
six o'clock. The election resulted in the choice
of the following officers: —

Trustee of Alumni Fund. — Howard A Car-
son, '69.

Member of Alumni Committee on the School.
— Theodore F. Tillinghast, '70.

Member of Executive Committee. — Harry H.
Cutler, '81.

At the close of the dinner, the president of
the Association, Mr. James P. Tolman, '68,
introduced President Walker, who spoke of the
present condition of the Institute, its future, its
finances, the new buildings, etc. Plans of the
new building, now being erected upon the site
of the old gymnasium, were presented and ex-
plained by Dr. Francis H. Williams, '73.

Attention was then drawn to matters directly
concerning the present student. Mr. Geo. A.
Mower, '81, explained the organization, purposes,
and results of the £. M. E. Society. At the
request of the president, Mr. Walter B. Snow,
'82, made a few remarks upon The Tech, and
read a communication from Mr. Geo. J. Foran,
secretary of the present board of directors,
with regard to the interest taken in the paper
by the alumni. The number of graduates whose
names appear upon the subscription list was
found to be surprisingly small.

Then followed brief remarks by Mr. Howard
A. Carson, '69, upon the Corporation, Mr.
Silas W. Holman, '76, upon the Society of
Arts, and Mrs. Robert H. Richards, '73, upon
the Woman's Laboratory.