also personally by a teacher, who accompanies him into the shops, gives necessary explanations, and tests the extent and accuracy of his knowledge by examining the sketches and notes, and by frequent questioning." Whether the above scheme is better than our plan or not may perhaps be questioned; each seems to possess certain advantages.

We cannot forbear quoting the paragraph of the Register referring to the gymnasium, as setting forth exactly what that indispensable adjunct to a well-managed college ought to be. "The new gymnasium is a handsome and spacious structure, built and equipped with the utmost thoroughness. It will be furnished with the best patterns of apparatus, adjustable to the physical powers of the students. The bathing arrangements will be complete, and the dressing accommodations ample. Opportunities for recreative exercises will be provided in the bowling alley, billiard, rowing, fencing, and sparring rooms. It will be placed under the care of a competent director, who will give instruction in classes, and also to meet the special wants of each individual." The matter of having "a competent director" seems to us a very important one.

Another point which we would like especially to bring to the consideration of those having the affairs of the Institute in charge is, that the degree of Bachelor of Science is conferred only upon graduates in the course of science and letters, while the students in the technical departments receive degrees appropriate to the various professions which they intend to follow. Thus the student in civil engineering receives the degree of Civil Engineer (C. E.), the graduate in the mechanical course the degree of Mechanical Engineer (M. E.), the graduate in mining and metallurgy the degree of Engineer of Mines (E. M.), and the graduate from the department of chemistry is entitled to write himself Analytical Chemist (A. C.). Where the instruction is sufficiently thorough to warrant it, it would seem that the conferring of degrees like the above would be much more satisfactory to the recipient than is the more pretentious but indefinite S. B., a title so unmeaning that few who have the right to make use of it care to do so.

The prize offered in the first number of the present volume for the best contribution in each subsequent number has been awarded by the directors as follows: In No. 2, R. G. Gamwell; No. 3, A. D. Little; No. 4, H. B. Gale; No. 5, A. D. Little; No. 6, H. S. Chase; No. 7, A. L. Rotch; No. 8, H. B. Gale; No. 9, H. S. Chase; No. 10, W. R. N.

A glance at this list will give an idea of the proportion of work for the paper which is done by those not directly connected with it. Four fifths of the matter in the paper, including articles, stories, notes, locals, etc., have been contributed by those on the staff. This is by no means as it should be; we have repeatedly asked for more general contribution from the students, but the common feeling seems to be that, having elected editors for the paper, the responsibility of the students is at an end, and all that should be expected further is entire readiness to criticise the work which does appear. It may be that the standard of the paper has been raised by this process of growling upon occasion, but we are somewhat dubious, and from an editorial standpoint the method is extremely unsatisfactory. The editors have perhaps as much regular work in the school as any of the students, and the time given to work for the paper must be taken from other things. It is certainly unfair to expect them, without remuneration, to contribute the greater part of the matter as well as do the work distinctively editorial. We again invite every one interested in the paper to send contributions.

The Committee on '85's Class Supper have fixed upon Young's Hotel, Thursday, March 22, as the place and time of the festivity. The price per plate will soon be posted. The announcement is made thus early in order that each member of the class may plan to be present. The committee will be particularly glad to receive any original ideas regarding menu cards.