boiler at East Boston. Gale is experimenting on the efficiency of incandescent electric lamps. Hutchings is evolving an essay on "Motors suitable for Electric Lighting Purposes." Kerr is engaged upon the ambitious project of making complete designs for a ten thousand spindle mill for spinning cotton warp, to be located on the Cape Fear River, North Carolina. His problem includes the subjects of building, water power, heating and fire apparatus, and the speeds and classes of machinery to be used. Scott is experimenting on the effects of speed upon cylinder condensation in the Harris-Corliss engine. The above will show that the boys have laid out plenty of work for themselves during the rest of the term. A wish frequently expressed is, that we could have the examinations now, and then two months clear for the theses. But this is, we suppose, too much to hope for.

It was a member of '86, and a high private in our battalion, who in paying a visit to a neighboring town purchased and wore a sergeant's cord upon his cap in order that he might shine in the eyes of the damsels of that place and carry grief to the hearts of the country gallants.

MARCH 13, 1883.

DEAR EDITOR:—Do you not think it unwise to use girls' names promiscuously? For instance, that little poem by Hal, in the last issue, might give rise to something like the following:—

TO HAL.

A poem, sir, you chanced to write,
And thought no doubt 'twas very bright
To show a girl in such a light.

Know, sir, that my slim, slender waist—
(Perhaps you'd like to say it's laced)—
By George's arm was ne'er embraced.

Such slander, sir, I cannot stand
To have sown broadcast o'er the land
By any one, however grand.

When next you wield poetic quill,
And want a name to rhyme with will,
Take my advice and use not ILL.

The minstrels are prospering.
"Although not an undertaker, I keep a coughin'," said the man with a bad cold.

Chauncy Hall gives a hop in the gymnasium March 20.

"Surely, all things of this life are transient." ('cept du P.'s hat).

The third year Civils pass off their notes in hydraulics as checks, at the Chinese laundry.

The men studying third-year hydraulics are not "sleek men, and those that sleep o' nights."

How many times must a Portuguese sailor be speared before he falls? (See Taylor or Finley.)

Mr. F——, '84, did not receive $1,000 for singing one night for Col. Mapleson as reported.

Mr. Baldwin, '84, was elected secretary of the M. I. T. A. C. in place of Mr. Pratt, '85, who resigned.

W——, '84, is endeavoring to outdo the record of the lightning draughtsmen of Bowdoin. He commenced his drawing the first of the term.

Billy has commenced his spring practice in running. During the last week he made pretty quick time between the Institute and the corner.

A few days ago one of the men in the first-year laboratory was heard to inquire for a piece of cold porcelain to powder up with his known of Class III.

The cadets are to give an exhibition drill and informal dance Saturday afternoon, April 7. The men all seem to be in favor of it, and a very pleasant time is anticipated.

One of the cadets went to the depot the other day to see a friend off. He wore the despised drill-cap, and while waiting for the train to start was approached by a passenger, and thus addressed: "I say, conductor, is there a smoker on this train?"