We cannot forbear, in this connection, to ask once again in behalf of The Tech for more general contributions from the students of the Institute. It is only by them that the standard of the paper can be raised. The editors have quite all they can do at present. Work for the paper cannot fail to benefit the contributor by increasing his exactness and care in writing, and we would remind all aspirants for an editorship that over half the present board will go with '83, so that whatever may become of the remainder, five new men at least will have to be selected from the present contributors to the paper. The liberal prizes offered in the first number of this volume are, with exception of that for an Institute song, still open, and should not fail of their object.

The Princetonian is to be added to the too small list of college weeklies. As the current number says: "It is impossible to keep up with college topics with a biweekly. In the course of a fortnight many subjects deserving attention become stale, and must therefore go unpublished."

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the Mechanical News of March 15 as an exceedingly valuable and interesting number of that journal. The News deserves specially to be commended for its excellent illustrations, which in this issue comprise, among other things, a double-page illustration of the shops of James Leffel & Co., Springfield, Ohio, and a series of views of the remarkable rock confirmations on the Canton River in Southern China. Articles worthy of notice are "Chaining the Winds," which is a description of the various forms of wind-mills in use in this country, with cuts of about a dozen different kinds, ancient and modern; and an account of a proposed "Hydraulic System for Excavating the Channel Tunnel," which will be of interest to our engineering students.

Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine for this month contains the following articles which may be of interest to the students: An article by Prof. George L. Vose on "The Training for Students in Civil Engineering"; an abstract of C. J. H. Woodbury's report to the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association on "Electric Lighting in Mills"; an account taken from the London Times of the "Gunmery Experiments at Spezzia"; an article on "The Panama Canal" from the Nautical Magazine; and the beginning of a very good series of lectures on "Dynamo Electric Machinery," by Prof Sylvanus P. Thomson, from the Journal of the Society of Arts.

The stamp act—a clog dance. —Lampoon.

Class canes are in vogue at Michigan University.

My lady trips with dainty haste
Across the newly fallen snow,
And leaves the print of flitting feet
Her chosen path to show.
Yet when I fain would follow her,
No lingering traces point the way;
For why? the amorous Sun in haste
Has kissed them all away. — Lampoon.

A spectrum line of helium has been discovered in the lava of Vesuvius. How in helium it got there is not known, but the spectrm had something to do with it.—Cond. Bulletin.

My lady love has golden eyes,
And hair of deepest blue;
Her tapering teeth two lips disguise,
That mock the raven's hue.
Her ashen ears in wavy curls
Nigh travel on the ground,
While lashes pink, like rows of pearls,
Conceal two feet profound.
That epithets are quite correct
I venture not to say;—
But what on earth can you expect
When one writes every day? —Record.