is being erected, and the land near Dartmouth Street, on which the new City Public Library is soon to be built.

It will be seen that the largest factor in the means which the State has at its disposal for purposes of education has been derived in the main from the foresight and sagacity of Mr. Ralph Huntington and his associates in the work of planning and completing the enterprise of filling in the unhealthy flats, and thereby laying the foundations of the finest portion of our present city.

About the time that the filling of the Back Bay began, Mr. Huntington's attention was called to the proposed establishment of a collocation of educational institutions on the new lands. He was quick to see the advantage which would be derived by the Water Power Company from the founding of such institutions, through the enhanced value of the neighboring real estate owned by the company and the State.

For these reasons at first he actively entered into the enterprise of establishing an Institute of Technology, which was then just being brought into public notice; but soon his interest in the Institute itself became paramount to other considerations. This interest was so pronounced that he was made a member of the board of government of the incipient organization.

His interest in the Institute was also manifested by the generous provision in his will for a bequest of twenty thousand dollars, afterward increased to fifty thousand. Very early in the history of the institution he expressed an earnest wish for the immediate erection of permanent buildings, and, finding a great need for ready money in the corporation, he discounted the bequest in his will at six per cent per annum, thereby providing immediate funds; and to this liberal provision we owe in good part the present building and the beautiful hall which bears his name.

A further evidence of the public spirit which animated Mr. Huntington was the provision in his will for a residual fund of over two hundred thousand dollars to establish an orphan asylum which should bear his name. It has appeared to his executors that the kind of institution which Mr. Huntington had in mind when he made his will is not called for at present, and would indeed be rather superfluous; they have however expressed the desire of turning the income from the bequest into the Institute of Technology, for the education of orphans, if the matter can be legally done. If this arrangement be completed, another reason will be added for a grateful recognition of the generosity displayed by Mr. Huntington, and his active interest in the institution, which, by his liberal donations, together with equally liberal gifts from others, has been enabled to bestow the many benefits enjoyed by the students who receive instruction within its walls.

Mr. Huntington also left legacies to the Old Men's Home and the Boston Mercantile Library. His death took place on May 30, 1866, after a very painful illness.

An Architectural Excursion.

In the last number of The Tech it was chronicled that the architects, under the supervision of Mr. Ross Turner, made a very pleasant excursion to North Easton on the 14th inst.; and it is the object of the present article to give a more detailed account of the affair.

The train left the Old Colony Depot, at 8.15 A. M., and bets were freely offered with the odds of ten to one that the V. L. member would not arrive in time, although he had promised faithfully to be on hand.

Just as the train was moving out of the depot he was observed to rush frantically out of the waiting-room, and to jump on board. He sank exhausted into a seat, and when he had fully recovered he was heard to murmur "Well, this is a cosmopolitan life. Bob, bring me another steak and omelette."

The young man from Dedham was nowhere to be seen, but the firm was well represented by his partner, who was kind enough to furnish sandwiches for the crowd.

As we were going to inspect some of Rich-