it placed. The sculptor, Mr. Bartlett, has worked industriously and successfully on the tablet, and is much interested in its early completion. The work of the committee now consists in collecting the subscriptions which have been tendered by members of the various classes. The end of the term is very near, and it is imperative that the amounts subscribed should be paid as soon as possible. At least $350 or $400 should be raised, and, if subscriptions are paid, the committee will be able to complete arrangements immediately, and have the tablet in position as above stated. All who have not yet subscribed, or who have not paid their subscriptions, are invited to do so at once to the member of the committee from their own class.

WITH the publication of the present number '83's hold upon THE TECH ceases, and soon those who were foremost in starting the paper, and who have been most diligent in its behalf, since the first issue, will depart never more to hold official connection with it. In many ways they may be proud of themselves as a class, for although it must be acknowledged that '83 has not produced any great mathematical or scientific wonder, yet to no other class do we owe so much for the change for the better in the social life at the Institute, something which, until the last few years, has been entirely lacking. THE TECH, the Athletic Club, Σ.M.E., the V. L., 2 G., and the Minstrel—all attest the truth of this statement, and we feel confident that when the men of '83 launch out upon the world, with degrees or without degrees, that with them will go the best wishes of all those organizations for which they have done so much.

ON account of the press of work due to examinations and the closing of the term, the editors have found it necessary to delay the publication day of the present number for one week.

Dr. Jacob Bigelow.

DR. JACOB BIGELOW, whose life forms the subject of the third sketch in this series, was, during his lifetime, so well known in the community, and at the time of his death, was the recipient of so many biographical notices, as well as of complete memoirs by members of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, that it would appear almost preposterous to attempt to add anything to the accounts already before the public. His early and close connection with the Institute of Technology, and his profound interest in its establishment and development, will, however, it is hoped, enlist the attention of the readers of this paper to the present sketch.

Dr. Bigelow was born in Sudbury, Mass., Feb. 27, 1787. His boyhood was spent in attending a country school, and in the labors and amusements of country life. Very early he developed a great ingenuity in mechanical contrivances, and was fond of puzzling himself with speculations upon natural objects.

With but slender means at his disposal, the expenses of his college life were eked out, as was then the custom with many students, by teaching country schools during the winter vacations. His college life offered him opportunities, of which he made the most. During the four years at Harvard he joined nearly all the clubs and societies existing at that time. Of these he says: "I was enrolled among the members of different, and sometimes opposite, institutions,—a Theological Society, which was very good, and a Porcellian Club, which was very bad; a Phi Beta Kappa Society, intended to be composed of the best scholars, and a 'Navy' Club, which was above suspicion as containing the worst."

He graduated with the "poem" at Commencement in 1806.

In 1810 he took his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

His first literary attempts were medical essays in competition for the Boylston prizes, three of