ogy, and will teach, in addition, physiology and botany. The physical department is to occupy extensive quarters in the new building and the old physical laboratory is to be fitted up for the use of students in biology. The Tech will give at its earliest opportunity a full account of the new buildings and will notice at length the numerous changes that have taken place.

The Institute colors have been for years among the vaguer traditions of the school. There was a spasmodic attempt last year to bring them into prominence, and a few of the more energetic students mystified their classmates by appearing with scarfs and handkerchiefs of cardinal and gray. The large majority however frowned upon the innovation, and seemed with difficulty to realize the claim of the Institute upon any particular portion of the spectrum. Their state of mind was natural enough, for as each succeeding class went out into the world the ribbons tying their diplomas wore a different hue. It is indeed presumptuous to settle that upon which the Faculty disagree, but fools rush in where angels fear to tread, and here we are. We have at great trouble and expense accurately determined the wave lengths of the colors of the M. I. T. Having mislaid the memorandum we cannot state them at this moment, but we have embodied the result upon the present cover of The Tech. To those conservative members of the Institute who may be inclined to resent the innovation, we can only say in all humility that a change, though possibly no improvement, is often a relief.

The prizes offered by the Board of Directors for 1882-3 were awarded at the final meeting of the board, but too late for publication in the last number of The Tech. The prize of forty dollars and a gold medal offered to the student doing the most to forward the interests of The Tech by literary efforts during the year was very justly awarded to Mr. Harvey S. Chase, the editor-in-chief, for articles contributed outside of his regular editorial work. Mr. Josiah Pierce, Jr., received the well-merited prize of twenty-five dollars and a gold medal for having contributed the best drawings and cartoons during the year. The prize of twenty-five dollars for an Institute song was not awarded, no one in the judgment of the directors having complied with the conditions.

The Tech Minstrels demonstrated the existence in the Institute of plenty of musical talent of no mean order. The next step in the right direction is toward the formation of an Institute Glee Club, and should be taken without delay. There is little enough here to bring students together outside of the class rooms, and anything which will accomplish it under favorable conditions is to be encouraged. A well-organized glee club would contribute in no small degree to the pleasure and profit of all connected with it, while its concerts would doubtless repeat the well-remembered success of the Institute minstrel show. All that is necessary is for some energetic man to take the initiatory steps and we are confident that he will be well supported.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the advertisers in The Tech. Great care has been displayed in their selection, and none but responsible firms which can be heartily recommended will be found among them. The paper depends upon them for its main financial support, and all students of the Institute can render The Tech substantial service by patronizing its advertisers and mentioning its name.

We recommend all Freshmen to read carefully the article in this number of The Tech upon the Rogers Memorial and American Technical Schools. They can gain from them some idea of what the Institute owes its noble founder and dead president, and although they never came within the circle of his genial, kindly influence, they will be in a position to partly realize their own debt to him.