The Rogers Memorial.

The tablet to the memory of the late Professor William Barton Rogers, founder and first president of the Institute, for which subscriptions were solicited last year from the students, is now on its way from Paris, where it was cast. The design for the tablet was awarded to the talented sculptor of this city, Mr. T. H. Bartlett. Many persons saw the study in clay and the plaster cast at his studio last spring, and we understand that Mrs. Rogers expressed herself as being well satisfied with the sculptor's efforts.

The tablet is of bronze, about three feet wide by four feet high. The head is in bold relief and is a little larger than life. There is a simple inscription, and beneath is a palm-leaf. Permission has been granted by the corporation to place the tablet in the entrance hall of the old building, now called the "Rogers Building." The price agreed upon with the sculptor was between three and four hundred dollars, and three hundred and fifty dollars have been paid to Mr. Bartlett by the treasurer of the committee in charge of the memorial. Last year two hundred and eighty-one dollars were collected, distributed as follows among the several classes: '02, thirty-six dollars; '83, forty-one dollars; '84, seventy-three dollars; '85, ninety-nine dollars; '86, forty dollars. This leaves a balance of sixty-one dollars to be subscribed to make up the debt incurred by the treasurer, besides the cost of setting the tablet in the wall, and doubtless this will be covered by further subscriptions. It will be seen from the above figures that the subscriptions of the classes, notably of '82 and '86, were in no wise proportional to the size of the classes. Subscriptions sent to A. Lawrence Rotch, '84, treasurer Rogers Memorial Committee, will be gladly received and acknowledged.

The First American Technical Schools.

The following facts are taken from a communication to the Scientific American:

In 1843, Benjamin Silliman, Jr. (since Prof. Silliman), commenced to give instruction, on the plan of Liebig, to private pupils in analytical chemistry and in original research. The instruction was given in the old laboratory of Yale College, but it was entirely a private enterprise. In 1847 the college organized the Yale Scientific School, of which the Sheffield Scientific School is the successor, taking its name in consequence of the munificent liberality of Mr. Joseph Sheffield.

An endowment of $50,000 in 1848 by Mr. Abbott Lawrence established the Lawrence Scientific School at Harvard, and Prof. Horsford was placed at its head. The institution has experienced a series of changes, but in the midst of them all has furnished a most valuable amount of instruction.

In 1864 the School of Mines was inaugurated in Columbia College under the charge of Dr. Chandler and Dr. Eggleston. And in 1864, also, the Technological Institute of Boston was originated and endowed. This was due in its inception and its completion to Prof. Wm. B. Rogers, for a long time one of its governing board and still later its president. He lived to see his great work yielding results which perhaps fully realized his highest anticipations, and, crowned with honors, he has, as we all so well remember, but recently passed away. One part of the plan which he elaborated involved thorough instruction in physical research, and the construction and fitting up of a laboratory thoroughly provided with the means for such instruction. This was done under the supervision of Prof. Pickering, who was placed at the head of that department. It is scarce enough necessary to speak of what that institution has done. Like Lexington and Bunker Hill, there it is, "it speaks for itself."

They say the "German" has become a florist, as he has charge of some plants near Brockton.