The Rogers Memorial Tablet is now at the sculptor's studio and is pronounced by all who have seen it as very successful. The head is said by good judges to be exceedingly life-like. It will be placed in position in the entrance hall of Rogers Building directly.

At a class meeting held Nov. 1, '84 elected A. Lawrence Rotch, president, and George H. Heywood, secretary and treasurer. Messrs. Bennett and Bunce and the president were appointed a committee on class photographs, and Messrs. Baldwin and Haines were put on the gymnasium committee.

Some of the members of the class of '84 seem sadly to want a better knowledge of parliamentary proprieties. Supposing that their seeming disregard of these proprieties proceeded from ignorance rather than from ill will, we would suggest that it is customary to elect the man who moves the appointment of a special committee a member, at least, if not chairman, of that committee rather than to wholly ignore his existence, as was done at the last class meeting, and then to say nothing of the impropriety of hastily proposing the closing of nominations when but two men have been nominated to fill two offices, it is contrary to all custom for one of the nominees to second that motion.

Mr. Turner, with the architects, has opened the winter campaign in water color. Some of the new recruits are storming the gates of Vienna, and apparently with a good deal of fire in their composition. Others are attacking the domes of Ichweisenichtur, with doubtful success; a re-enforcement of veterans might open their eyes to a bolder method of attack. A few sharpshooters are practising upon sundry small jars and glass balls, before entering the field for active duty. They have already discovered that a Prussian blue is a much more effective ally than any French can be, and have begged assistance of the former in spotting the jar. Gen. T. has not organized all his forces yet, and the old campaigners stand ready to be ordered to the front.

THE two lower classes of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, who engaged in a free fight over a Freshman flag on Nov. 1, have decided to pay damages amounting to $300, when most of their number will be taken back into the school. A commendable action of the Faculty is its decision to expel prominent members of both classes.

A NOVELTY in the way of railway appliances is now in process of construction at the Atlantic Works, East Boston. It consists of one of Robbins's patent steel tubular railway cars, this being the first one, and built by the company controlling the patent as an experiment.

The car consists of a firmly riveted steel shell, stiffened by steel ribs, V-shaped in section, running completely round the car on the inside. These hollow ribs open into a ventilating trunk extending along the top of the car, and by means of apertures furnish an abundant supply of pure air to the inside of the car. Tubes at each side of the car contain illuminating gas for over a week's supply, stored at a high pressure, and twenty-two large plate-glass windows furnish ample light to the interior.

The car is heated by steam, and among the advantages claimed are entire incombustibility and freedom from dust and cinders, as there is to be no wood at all in the interior of the car, and all fittings are dust-proof.

In case of collision or derailment there would be no danger from flying splinters and debris, as the steel would only bend and dent where iron or wood would fracture.

Less weight, and consequently less wear on the rails, are also claimed for these cars.

A dredger—the largest ever constructed—is nearly completed at the same works for Washington parties. The jaws of this machine open ten feet and ten inches, and are operated by a new method, which insures much better work than has been hitherto effected by ordinary dredgers.

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