Prof. Richards read a paper on the "New Mining Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology" before the last meeting of the Society of Mining Engineers.

Mr. Litchfield, to whom so much of the success of The Tech last year was due, has left the Institute. Sidney Williams, '85, has been elected director in his stead. H. C. Spaulding, '87, has been elected director in place of Mr. J. W. Adams, who did not return to the Institute this year.

Dr. Frankland, Dr. W. H. Perkins, Prof. Sir Henry Roscoe, Sir William Thompson, and Prof. Vernon-Harcourt, the great English scientists, have been recent visitors to our chemical laboratories. They expressed themselves as being very much pleased with the convenience of everything there.

The meeting of the class of '85, held Saturday, May 24, was especially enjoyed. The committee having the affair in charge secured a tug, stocked it with provisions for a six hours' cruise, and arranged for a trip to Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, Whistling Buoy and Fort Warren. The boat left India Wharf at 2.15 P.M., and a flag of Institute colors was promptly hoisted. Under its protection the party sighted the lighthouse and buoy, and, landing at Fort Warren, examined the works above and below ground. During the entire trip the water was unusually quiet, and seasickness was recognized only by a violent stretch of imagination. The wharf was reached at half past eight, and, after marching in a body to Washington Street, '85 separated for the summer.

After two preliminary experiments — the determinations of individually prepared ferric oxide and calcium oxalate — the second-year chemists are busied in analyzing given salts for their acid principles. To many, the sudden transition from the careless experiments and general results of the first-year laboratory to the minute details and rigid accuracy of quantitative analysis is rather startling, and we hope the instructors will not expect too much at first. Individuality as to both quantity and quality of results is rapidly developing. While some have completed quite a number of the acid analyses, others are still repeating one or the other of the first two experiments. Among the latter, several students have obtained resultances in excess of the calculated quantity, a phenomenon due in one or two instances to the use of undistilled water. Other results have been as much as ten per cent too small. As soon as the students become thoroughly accustomed to the new methods of work, however, such serious errors will cease.

Four hundred students assembled in Huntington Hall on Monday, Oct. 6, at the mass meeting called to consider what action should be taken in regard to the formation of a battalion to parade in one of the torchlight processions this month. The meeting was called to order by Charles F. Spring, '85, and Frank L. Locke, '86, was elected secretary. A vote for Presidential preferences was taken, and the result was: Blaine, 259; Cleveland, 85; St. John, 6; Butler, 1. This ballot was made formal, and it was decided to parade in the grand Republican procession of Thursday, Oct. 30. It was voted that a canvass of the whole School of Industrial Science should be made to find out the Presidential preferences, and also about how many would turn out. It was also voted that a committee of three from each class and one at large be elected to take charge of affairs and report at the next meeting. The meeting was then adjourned. At the adjourned meeting on the following Monday the committee reported that about four hundred had signified their intention to parade, that the Boston Cadet Band had been secured for music, that the uniform would be the same as four years ago, and that accommodations would be provided in the gymnasium for those who live out of town. The roster of the regiment was announced, headed by Charles R. Richards, '85, colonel; Frank L. Locke, '86, lieutenant-colonel; Charles F. Spring, '85, and Frank E. Shepard, '87, majors. The drum corps is to be under the command of Frank W. Ames, '86. The committee's report was accepted, and the meeting adjourned.

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