to its place in the column on Commonwealth Avenue, the command was joined by two barouches, containing a number of '84 and '85 men. The head of the column started a few minutes after eight o'clock; the line of march was Commonwealth Avenue, north side, to West Chester Park, return south side to Dartmouth, and through Dartmouth, Boylston, Berkeley, Columbus Avenue, Chester Park and Square, Washington, Worcester, Tremont, Eliot, Washington, Hanover, Court and Tremont to Park Street.

During the countermarch on Commonwealth Avenue, nothing of note occurred; the greatest interest was centred at the Brunswick Hotel, where Mr. Blaine reviewed the procession, and it was here that every one endeavored to appear at his best. The Institute companies made some good wheels from Dartmouth Street to Boylston, and preserved excellent lines while passing in review, cheering without halting; opposite the Rogers Building, however, the crowd had pressed forward so far that the lines were somewhat broken, though still in good condition. While passing this block, the attractive uniforms and soldierly appearance of the Institute regiment called forth many favorable comments from strangers as well as from the friends collected in and about the Institute buildings. Attention was also paid at many places in the line of march by applause, and by the letters M. I. T., conspicuously displayed. In short, the Institute regiment was generally considered to be one of the best appearing in the procession. Considerable amusement was afforded by the surgeon, armed with a huge saw, and by the chaplain, whose "prayer-book" contained several good selections, such as "Papyrographs must go." These personages, as well as the rest of the staff, carried colored conductors' lanterns.

Through the South End and business district many residences, stores, and offices were illuminated, and the streets were bright with an almost continuous display of Bengal lights and Roman candles, increased by the glare of the torches. The route was passed over mainly in column of companies, with no long halts. About two hours and a quarter were required for the fourteen thousand participants to pass a given point. At the Tremont House the procession was reviewed by Gov. Robinson, and from here to Park Street, the sidewalk was lined with horsemen. Passing these, the Institute regiment, with constantly decreasing numbers, continued its march to its place of dismissal in front of the new building, which it reached about half past eleven.

Transparencies, in considerable numbers, were carried by the Institute, their sentiments varying through a wide range. The principal one was a massive affair, on which appeared the name of the school, the presidential preferences, as canvassed, viz., Blaine, 371; Cleveland, 156; St. John, 18; Butler, 1; Belva, 1; and the inscription,—

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"Who first invented work, and bound the free
And holiday-rejoicing spirit down."

Unfortunately, this transparency, at first borne at the head of the regiment, proved too much for one man power, and was relegated to a barouche farther back. Deprived of this distinguishing feature, the first Institute companies were mistaken for butchers, bakers, Harvards and Chinamen.

Observers have said that the tendency of the Techs was to over-sedateness. It may be said that this tendency was due to the fact that each one entered the procession with the combined idea of enjoyment and good appearance, and all found that enjoyment could be secured without the sacrifice of order, and without descending to rough and ungentlemanly actions. The cheering was not so effective as could have been wished, owing to the distance between companies, which prevented united action in this matter. Class cheers were, however, heartily given.

The thanks of the school are due President Walker for his hearty co-operation with the committee, to the committee itself for valuable time spent and services rendered, and to the colonel of the regiment, Charles R. Richards, '85, to whose popularity, energy, and executive ability much of the success of the Institute's share in the procession is due.