Judging from the attendance at the theatre last week, scientific students of the Institute show great interest in Grecian mythology.

Many will learn with surprise, from the report of the torchlight committee, how much “head” is required for successful playing on a bass drum.

Mr. F. W. Smith, whose departure from the Institute is much regretted by the professors of the department, has been succeeded by Mr. Peter Burns.

A party from the class of ’87 attended a performance of *Orpheus and Eurydice* last week; so did the 2 G Society, and, in fact, nearly everyone else at the Institute.

The popular Mr. Bunce, ’84, called around the other day to bid us farewell before departing for the wilds of Arizona. The report that he was to be the assistant rector of the chapel is incorrect.

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The auction of periodicals belonging to *The Tech* was very successful in a financial way. Although a novice at the business, President McKim acted as auctioneer in a very efficient manner, and obtained good bids for his wares. Twenty-five dollars was netted.

Mr. ’86–8, who, on a recent trip to Williams-town with the foot-ball team, skipped off without paying his hotel bill, thinking he was doing something smart, little thought of the discredit he reflected upon the Institute. We are glad, however, to hear that we have men who honored the good name of the Institute enough to write back and settle the bill.

Prof. Nichols calls $H_2O_x$ “straight” sulphuric acid, because it contains the maximum amount of water. Isn’t that rather contrary to colloquial usage?

Mr. Edmund Gosse, the distinguished poet, and professor of poetry at Oxford, is to deliver a course of twelve lectures on the English poets before the Lowell Institute. After finishing his course of lectures before the Institute, Mr. Gosse will deliver them before Johns Hopkins University.

The sudden appearance of a student armed with bottle and bellows has been a frequent phenomenon at many doorways of late. He has been very popular with the Freshmen, but professors have eyed him with suspicion. He was, in reality, only a fourth-year chemist in search of carbonic acid.

The committee from the Glee Club for the purpose of arranging the associate membership is composed of the following: E. B. Homer, ’85; A. E. Leach, ’86; E. A. Haskell, ’87; H. M. Steele, ’88; J. G. Howard, from the Club at large. The committee will receive the names of those who wish to join the association.

The first rehearsal of the orchestra in their new quarters in the Kidder Building took place on the 21st ult. The members are disappointed in the amount of time allowed them, one hour a week being about sufficient to cover the time required to get enough instruments together for a single rehearsal.

During the summer, a skating rink was built on the corner of Shawmut Avenue and Ruggles Street, and is now open. It is large, and profusely decorated, and every convenience is provided for the use of patrons. The music is good, and every inducement is offered by which one is assured a pleasant evening in roller skating.

The very successful series of afternoon parties held in the gym last year are, we understand, to be repeated. These parties have been most enjoyable events in the social life of *The Tech*, and their repetition will be learned with pleasure by many. The managers propose to give the first party Saturday, Dec. 13. The affair will undoubtedly prove a success.