professors expressed themselves as very much in favor of a continuance of this plan by future classes. It is the only way by which a large number of students and instructors can become satisfactorily acquainted, and if regularly adopted, would make more certain the condition of affairs so often spoken of by our professors, when they and their pupils shall consider themselves as friends interested in each other's work, in its successful carrying on and satisfactory results.

'88 Class Dinner.

The first annual dinner of the class of '88 took place at Young's Hotel on Thursday evening, April 16. Out of the one hundred and thirty-eight men who took part in the theoretical part of the proceedings at the previous class meeting, when the matter of wine was discussed, eighty-two sat down to participate in the practical enjoyment of the dinner. Of the meal itself, there is no need for comment, for the reputation of Young's dinners has spread far and wide. At each plate, beside the menu, was placed a tasty dinner card illustrated by hand, and bearing the Institute seal and colors. A copy of the class song, "The Faculty Knows it All," the words of which were written especially for the occasion by the class poet, Mr. F. W. Hoadley, was also provided for each member of the class present.

The dinner having been discussed, and cigars lighted, President Blair introduced Mr. G. C. Dempsey as the toast-master of the evening. Mr. Dempsey's remarks explaining the origin of the custom of toasting proved very interesting, and were well received by the boys. The various sentiments proposed by him, and responded to, were as follows:


The musical part of the evening's entertainment consisted of the singing of the class song by Mr. H. C. Moore, the entire class joining in the chorus; banjo solos by Mr. Sidney Warren; a flute solo by Mr. R. H. Vose; violin solo by Mr. A. W. Jones; and singing by a quartet, composed of Messrs. Moore, Underhill, Moore and Vose, Mr. Ralph Tay accompanying them on the piano. The prize for the champion gastronomer (a wooden spoon) was awarded by a unanimous vote to Mr. Oliver Cromwell, who received it amid prolonged applause. A vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. F. L. V. Hoppin and Mr. F. W. Hoadley for generous services in preparation of the supper cards. The remainder of the evening was taken up with story-telling, and at a little past one the meeting quietly adjourned.

The supper committee consisted of Messrs. Blair, Dempsey, Hoadley, Sabine, and Wright, to whom are due much credit for its success.

The Month of March on Blue Hill.

March was everywhere, in this region, an unusually cold month. At Blue Hill the mean temperature was 23.9°, or 4° below the mean for Boston, as reported by the Signal Service, which is exactly the same difference noted for February. The highest temperature was 54.9°, and the lowest — 6.6°, being respectively 4° and 3°.3 lower than the corresponding temperature at Boston. The mean barometer reduced to sea level, and the mean relative humidity were each slightly higher than Boston's.

In the matter of wind, Blue Hill continues to show the same high average. The mean hourly velocity for the month was 21.3 miles, almost exactly the same as for February. The total movement was 15,852 miles, 5,585 miles more than at Boston. The maximum velocity for one hour was fifty-seven miles, and velocities of forty miles or more occurred on seven days.

The precipitation continues surprisingly small, the total amount of rain and melted snow for March having been only 0.78 inch, or 0.37 inch less than at the Boston station.

The Cold Wave Flag was displayed three times during the month. Two of the displays were followed by a marked fall of temperature, but once the flag was hoisted too late to give sufficient warning of the cold wave.