The Institute of Technology is primarily a place for study, with a definite aim in view. The aim is evident in the purely professional studies, as the application is direct and practical; but in those studies which are given in order that the graduate may be a man of good judgment, sound ideas, and symmetrical mental development, this directness and practicalness of application is wanting, and much of their benefit is lost in consequence. Something in addition to the present courses of instruction in English, history, and political economy is needed, in order that the student may learn to apply the knowledge acquired through these studies, and get a clearer understanding of the events which occupy men's minds, and the forces which influence men's circumstances at the present time. Among the officers of instruction are men who are eminently qualified to lecture upon current events, and the use of the study of history and political science in getting a thorough comprehension of them. The students would quickly appreciate the benefits to be derived from a course of such lectures; the importance of such affairs as the labor troubles in this country and the Irish home rule question in England calls for them, and the present lacking in an important part of our education demands such instruction.

CONSIDERABLE interest has of late been manifested among the Seniors with regard to Class-Day, it having been at last decided to establish that much-to-be-desired custom at the Institute. A committee was some time ago appointed by the class to take charge of the matter, and full powers have been given it to make all arrangements. Several plans have been proposed, the one practically adopted being substantially as follows, subject, of course, to modification.

The date selected is Monday, May 31st, the day preceding graduation. This has been fixed upon, because it is understood that the examinations will continue until Saturday, May 29th. It is proposed to hold in the morning certain class exercises, probably in Huntington Hall, for which occasion appointments of Historian, Poet, and Prophet have already been made, as previously announced. The Institute Glee Club and Orchestra will be invited to furnish music during these exercises.

In the afternoon an informal reception will be held in the new building, to which theSeniors will invite their friends. It is intended to have dancing in Kidder Hall, an orchestra being engaged for the occasion, and in the course of the afternoon a collation will be served. In the evening there will be a class-dinner at one of the hotels, attended by the class alone.

The successful carrying out of this plan depends upon the extent to which '86 will give its support. While a majority of the class are heartily in favor of the plan, it should be re-