The President's Report.

We give here an abstract from the President's report, which will not prove uninteresting.

There are in the Institute at present 909 students,—an increase of 82 over last year, divided by classes as follows:

- Graduate students for advanced degree: 3
- Regular students, fourth year: 110
- Regular students, third year: 130
- Regular students, second year: 148
- Regular students, first year: 261
- Special students: 257

Of these 909, 556 had their names in last year's catalogue. Of the remainder, 255 are regular first year students; 98 are new students not of the regular first year class. There are 652 regular students, 72 per cent of the whole number.

The statistics of residence show that 35 States of the Union, with the District of Columbia, are represented in the lists of students. Canada, Ireland, Scotland, Peru, Brazil, Guatemala, Turkey, the West Indies, the Hawaiian Islands, Bulgaria, Japan, Mexico, Panama, and France are also represented.

Of the total number, 533, or 58.6 per cent, are from Massachusetts; 114 are from the other New England States; 262 from outside New England, of whom 17 are from foreign countries.

All the counties of Massachusetts, except Dukes and Nantucket, are represented. Suffolk sends 197; Middlesex, 160; Essex, 50; Norfolk, 43. Boston leads the towns with 180 students; 25 others send four or more students.

The average age of the entering class, 255 being taken for comparison, 6 of unusual age being excepted, is 18 years, 7 months, and 12 days, or 222.4 months for last year's class.

Of the 75 members of the last graduating class (1889), 2 were under 20, 5 between 20 and 20½, 24 between 20½ and 21⅓, 41 between 21½ and 22, 19 between 22 and 23, the remaining 14 being over 23.

There are 33 "Co-eds." Of the Specials, 9 are in the Chemical and Physical Courses, 9 in Biology and allied subjects, 4 in Mathematics, 1 in Architecture.

There are 50 graduates of institutions conferring degrees on the lists for the present year. Of the fourth year, 2 are of Course I., 3 of Course II., 1 of Course IV., 2 of Course VI. Of the third year, 3 are of Course I., 3 of Course VI., 1 of Course X. Of the second year, 2 take Course I., 1 Course II., and 5 Course VI.; 18 are Specials.

The division of the second year students into courses is as follows:

- Civil: 29
- Mechanical: 29
- Mining: 7
- Architectural: 16
- Chemistry: 5
- Electrical: 43
- Biological: 4
- Physics: 1
- General: 5
- Chemical Engineering: 3
- Sanitary Engineering: 6
- Total: 148

The number of instructors of all grades, excluding those persons announced as lecturers for the year only, but including the instructors at the shops, is 92, against 79 of last year.

Of Course.

I was walking through the city—the place, you know it well—
When a sudden shower came, and the rain in torrents fell.
A very pretty damsel I saw standing in the street;
No mackintosh she wore, and no rubbers on her feet.

Without umbrella was she; I had one, silk and new:
I asked her please to take it until the storm was through.
She seemed a little doubtful; she did not wish to go
And leave me unprotected while the rain was falling so.

I spoke in tones politest, and said: "Permit me, then,
To go along and hold it, the happiest of men.
I'll ask you to regard me as an essential part
Of my umbrella handle, and let me with you start."

She blushed, and answered coyly,—quick wits she did not lack,—
"Suppose I should neglect to send your umbrella back,
But keep it as mine always, which I'd be apt to do;
If you were its appendage, would I have to take you, too?"