NLY twenty-five years ago the Institute began its work in hired rooms on Summer Street with a class of twenty-seven students and three or four instructors; to-day it numbers in its catalogue more than a thousand officers and students, and is in possession of buildings and equipments which, in fitness for the purpose that they have to serve, are unsurpassed by any college in the country. The contrast between the first annual catalogue and the twenty-fifth—between an almost experimental enterprise and a great institution in the first rank of its class, is most striking.

Such a record of success is the strongest testimonial to the wisdom of the projectors of the Institute, and the ability of those who have had the conduct of its affairs. The maintenance of a high standard of scholarship and the thoroughness of its methods of instruction have, next to the exertions of its officers, been perhaps the most potent factors in the Institute's progress.

These causes of its popularity give us reason to be proud of Tech., while the increasing appreciation of its advantages, promises to advance it still further in usefulness and esteem in succeeding years.

WITH this term has begun the occupation of the new building on Trinity Place, and students in every department will profit by the increased elbow-room afforded. Some of the rooms are not entirely finished, and there still remains a considerable amount of machinery and testing apparatus to be put in position; but all will be completed in a week or two, and the building will lack nothing except a suitable name. May one that is acceptable to all be soon found!

The plans of the basement and first floor have appeared in the catalogue; the arrangement of the apparatus and engines is fully shown there. The third and fourth floors are occupied by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, and are divided into five recitation and two drawing rooms. The third floor will be occupied by second year men, the fourth floor by third and fourth year students, while the office and blue-print rooms will be common property.

Up at the top of the building are the Civils. On the upper floor there are two recitation rooms and two drawing rooms of a smaller size than those on the lower floors; these are for second and third year men. The fourth year classes occupy the fifth floor, consisting