President Walker's Address to the Freshmen.

On Tuesday, September 30th, the Class of '94, numbering about 325, assembled in Huntington Hall and listened to the following address by the President:—

"I am pleased to welcome you on behalf of the Faculty and Corporation of the Institute of Technology, whose cordial hope and strongest belief it is that you have come here for your benefit as well as for ours. I have not much to say, for I do not believe in giving advice in large quantities, neither do I believe in set speeches; but at the outset, I think best to tell you that you have come where the rule is hard work. We rejoice to have it known that it is so. The Institute was founded with that end in view, and when it becomes necessary to have a place where boys may play and where men need not work, we will wind up the school and let it give place to an institution for other pursuits.

"By work we do not mean overwork. Work here is taught in its sanitary as well as its economic sense. There is nothing like keeping body and mind in good condition. We take infinite pains to prepare our requirements to your strength. We are in constant communication with the alumni, and with their experience and counsel devise courses of study to meet the requirements. Your best good is our sole end, but in that we must look to other things. The main reason for the many failures in keeping up with the courses of study is that the students are not prepared for steady work. That is the key to the school. The only rule for success here is to do one day's work every day, and one week's work every week, for it is not possible to make up for lost time and delays.

"My principal message to you is concerning your habits of study. Those of many preparatory schools must be laid aside here. The work must be done when it is due, and it must not accumulate. It would not be necessary to speak of the honesty of each student's work if at some schools there was not the disposition to regard illegitimate assistance as not essentially wrong. I am sorry that the sentiment can prevail in any school in the land. Thorough honesty is the rule here, and the highest offence against the honor of the Institute is to offer any other man's work as your own. The rule is absolute, there being only one mode of treating such offence—instant and complete removal. I speak to you as men. Deny fellowship to offenders. Begin your work here on the basis of perfect uprightness and perfect honesty.

"The Institute differs from colleges in the fact that it is a professional school only, and certain customs that seem to belong to colleges do not belong here. There should be no class animosity, and no degree of rowdism that is apt to characterize the old-fashioned college. Do not for a moment assent to or tolerate any barbarous customs. They came down from the time when the president and professors lived on the college grounds with the pupils—who were for the most part young, or mere boys—and the intimacy of that kind was the means of bringing about the differences which are present to-day. Old notions and class distinctions never have had a place in the Institute, and they must not be allowed to obtain.

"Prepare yourselves for a university of science, for every course is a college in itself. Throw everything else aside as belonging to boys; we receive you to-day as men. Show yourselves worthy of the trust imposed in you. Allow no man to do that which reflects upon yourself, and which casts discredit upon the Institute.

"I have said this bluntly, and with no preparation; for I do not, as I said, believe in set speeches, and I ask you to take what I have said in the best spirit. We hope your coming here will be for your best good. Go to your instructors frequently. It is their duty and pleasure to hear you. It is only right for you