and, in the excitement of the moment turned up the gas and spoiled the plate exposed in the camera. The second evening was even more unproductive of results. The third he became a little doubtful of the success of the experiment, and suspected that the thief must be in the secret, but had everything in readiness as before. Just as he had begun to grow tired of waiting for a burglar that never came he heard a movement of the door-knob. For an instant the door opened slowly, as if some one was making a reconnoissance, then there was a blinding flash of light that seemed to burn into Attleton's eyes. He heard a skurrying of feet along the hallway and a smothered cry. He closed the shutter of the camera and carried it in triumph to his friend, who had become as expectant as himself. The dark room where the mysteries of developing the latent image were to be carried on was a closet only large enough for one, and so Attleton waited outside to hear the result. Five minutes of suspense passed; then his friend emerged with an indescribable expression on his face.

"Who is it?" said Attleton.

"Nobody!" was the reply. "Why didn't you remember to draw out the slide?"

Here have been frequent lamentations about the lack of a trophy room at the Institute. Our trophies are not many but they are worthy of more than a dusty corner in some old closet. The pictures of all the athletic teams, the football banner, and the athletic club cup, would make a fair showing for a start. If some arrangement could be made between the various organizations concerned it would be possible to use the office of The Tech as a temporary home for such trophies as we have. The idea is worth following up, and if carried out would do something, at least, toward interesting the masses in something except old examination papers.

Study at the Institute.

In reply to the articles that have appeared in one of the daily papers criticising the courses of study here, President Walker has written an article that contains statements of much interest to every one connected with the Institute. After questioning the reliability of the assertions made, the subject is continued as follows:—

"The Faculty of the Institute, in the aggregate, probably know a hundred times as much about the health and habits of our students as any one outside person can possibly do. I do not think you will find a single member of our Faculty who will admit the truth of your statement. This is not a subject which has been overlooked. It is, of course, no easy matter accurately to draw the line between the too much, which might injure the health of the students, and the too little, which would sacrifice the value of the instruction given at the Institute; but whatever the Faculty of the school, with their very intimate knowledge of all the elements concerned, could do to solve this problem, has been done.

"Every year the matter is carefully gone over by the Faculty, and also between the President and the graduates of the school. The record of attendance on the daily exercises shows that our students enjoy unusually good health. That a considerable number leave the school without completing their course is probably well known; but it is utterly inexcusable to assume that this is done on account of physical disability. Scores of students every year leave the school on their own motion, or upon the motion of the Faculty, because it has been clearly ascertained that they have not the mental power or the special aptitude which would make it worthwhile for them to undertake a scientific profession. Why should they be encouraged to undertake a profession in which it appears likely that they will fail? In an even larger class of cases the failure of our students is not intellectual, mainly, but moral; that is, it