"College Algebra," by Prof. Webster Wells of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, opens with eighteen chapters in which the subject of algebra as far as quadratics is rapidly reviewed, so that this part of the book may be used or neglected by the instructor, according to the needs of his class. The remainder of the volume, amounting to nearly twice as much as this introductory part, covers the ground usual in such text-books, and two appendices are given Cauchy's proof that every equation has a root, and the demonstration of the fundamental laws of algebra for simple imaginary and complex numbers. ["College Algebra." Boston: Leach, Shew-ell & Sanborn; 8vo.]

Ninety-Four's Class Dinner.

NINETY-FOUR'S first class dinner was held at Young's, Friday, January 2d. There were only fifty-seven members present, but the dinner was a decided success.

Ample justice was done to a very fine spread, and much pleasure was afforded in admiring '93's class colors, with which the menus were artistically decorated.

After a few preliminary remarks, President Rogers introduced Mr. R. K. Sheppard as toastmaster for the evening. Mr. Sheppard presented a bright list of toasts, which were responded to as follows: The Institute, by Mr. H. P. Hastings; the Instructors, by Mr. W. C. Pert; Athletics, by Mr. J. C. Kimberly; the Ladies, by Mr. T. C. Green. Impromptu speeches were also made by Vice-President Clarke and Mr. M. L. Johnston.

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To the Editor of The Tech:

The question has been asked repeatedly, "Where is the Institute Song 'Technique' was going to publish?" It did not appear in the book for a very obvious reason,—it had not been written. Among the contributions received in response to the "Technique" offer, the committee (whose members represented the Faculty, the Alumni, and the students) found none worthy to be accepted as a representative Institute Song. There are several, however, that deserve a place in an Institute Song Book, when one is published. In each both words and music were produced by our own students. When a committee, self-constituted or appointed by a class, or by the students as a whole, can show proof that they are likely to succeed in compiling such a work, "Technique" will cheerfully turn over to them the contributions received.

There are others among us who are fully as able to produce a song as are the men whose work "Technique" now holds, and several of them have expressed their willingness to write for a song book if there was a reasonable chance that one would be published.

It would give an impetus to our musical organizations, and would add greatly to college spirit at the Institute, if some energetic and public-spirited man should take hold of this idea and carry it through to success.

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The new catalogue of Union shows four additional courses of study, and increase of several names on the list of teachers in the College and in the University.

There is a movement on foot to hold an intercollegiate regatta on Lake George next summer, to which all colleges except Yale and Harvard shall be admitted.

The world's record for putting up heavy weight dumbbells was broken at Montreal last month by Louis Cyr, who put up 109 pounds with one hand from the shoulder 27 times.