The authorities of the British Museum have discovered, among a collection of papyrus rolls recently acquired in Egypt, the text of Aristotle's treatise on the constitution of Athens, from which many writers of antiquity quoted, but which has heretofore been known only in detached fragments.

The Faculty of the University of Penn. are trying to buy the George Bancroft historical collection.

The body of Professor Bancroft, of Brown University, who disappeared Dec. 28, 1890, has been found in a pond near Providence.

IRVING G. GREENE.

The death of Irving Greene is the first opening in the ranks of the graduates of the Class of '88, M. I. T. He died at Aiken, S. C., on February 24th, after an illness of several months.

After graduation he went into the employ of the State Board of Health at Lawrence, under the direction of Mr. Hiram F. Mills, the eminent hydraulic engineer.

In May, 1890, he returned to Boston to enter the employ of the Associated Mutual Insurance Co's. His service here was very short before failing health compelled him to seek another climate. The mountains of New Hampshire and the altitudes of Denver and Canon City, Colorado, and each of the Carolinas were tried in turn, but to no avail.

Mr. Greene was born at Sheldon, Mass., April 17, 1864. He prepared for the Institute at Phillips-Exeter Academy—where he graduated in '84. He was a thorough student, and one whom to know was to like. He was enthusiastic in his profession, and for him there seemed a most successful future.

His loss will be deeply regretted by his classmates and his associates, and to his family their deepest sympathy extends itself.

The yacht White Cap, which on the 4th of October, 1890, left Philadelphia for Fernandina, Florida, on the scientific expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania, under Professor J. T. Rothrock, has returned after a successful cruise. This expedition was the first of a series contemplated by the University, the object being that ultimately the fauna and flora of the eastern coast, at least of North and South America, shall be represented in the collections of the institution. A further object is kept distinctly in view—that of collecting material for the Museum of Economic Botany, which is designed to contain specimens of every plant or plant product which has been, or is likely to be, used by man for food or raiment.

An interesting question was brought up at the Harvard Faculty meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17th, and the decision which the Faculty passed will probably have considerable weight in attracting to the college students from Japan. S. Ikeda, Sp., petitioned that he might be allowed to enter college as a regular, substituting Chinese and Japanese for the Latin and Greek required at entrance. Mr. Ikeda had been a thorough student of the classical writers in his own language and of those in Chinese; in fact, he had studied Japanese and Chinese classics just as students of this country study the Greek and Latin. The Faculty, considering that Mr. Ikeda had complied with the spirit of the requirements, granted his petition. This is the first time the Faculty has ever granted such a petition, and this marked step towards liberalism in the requirements will undoubtedly attract to Harvard a large number of Japanese students.

Interest in the strength tests at the Harvard gymnasium has recently been increased by the addition of more complete and accurate instruments. Trials are made by a number of men every day, and J. R. Finlay, '91, has succeeded in beating the best previous record on the leg machine.