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The building on the corner of Boylston and Clarendon Streets has been known as the "New Building" certainly long enough to assure the public at large that the growth of the Institute has been sufficient to compel the enlargement of its quarters for the accommodation of its students, and any possible good as an advertisement that this retention of that name may once have procured us has long since fallen out of sight.

The most natural inference for every one to make at present is, that whoever attends to the bestowing of names upon our various buildings is singularly devoid of ideas.

Our main building bears a name that should be and is perpetuated as that of the man most signally connected with the foundation and early prosperity of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Have Mr. Nichols or Mr. Kidder done nothing towards the continuance of that prosperity, or did they leave a special clause in the deed by which that "New Building" was constructed and equipped specifying that in no case were their names to be used in connection with their generous efforts in our behalf? We refuse to suppose that they did. "Tabular Views" and catalogues continue to perpetuate this disgrace—for it is a disgrace to have it forced upon us that we are no better off in certain ways than a collection of primary school children who spend their play hours building toy houses of bits of wood and stone, and dub them "old" and "new" for lack of the ingenuity or the faculty of invention that should enable even them to find some original names for what are to them as important creations as are these magnificent buildings, fitted out with all the improvements and advantages known to modern science, to us.

We have among us men who have made, and are making, their mark in the world as discoverers, inventors, and skillful expounders of useful theories, yet we seem to number among all these not one who can choose an appropriate name for one of our buildings, among a host that are suggested by the many uses to which that building is put, or the men with whom it has been or is connected.

In many respects the Gymnasium is much better than it was last year, and we are very grateful for the improvements, but the main fault is still as much of a drawback to those wishing to use the place as it was last winter. As yet nothing has been done to clear the air of the clouds of dust which make it a positive harm to exercise there. If the floor could be occasionally washed, or some