inasmuch as it related facts which The Herald only supposed.

Quite a little excitement was caused in the Freshman laboratory on Thursday last by a small fire. One of the assistant janitors threw water in a jar of metallic sodium, preserved in benzol. In an instant the whole mass sputtered and burst into flames. The large hose in the hall was unwound and made ready for use, but the fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

The first business meeting of the Class-day Committee was held Monday, March 14th. The various committees were appointed by the Chief Marshal, and the plans for class day discussed. It was decided that all five-year students and the Partial Architects in '92 would be allowed to join with the regulars in all of the privileges of class day and the reception, on payment of the assessment.

A most deplorable mistake in "Technique" was the omission of the name of Mr. George Guppy from the list of editors. It was, no doubt, the magnitude of this entirely accidental oversight which saved it from discovery. Mr. Guppy was on the artistic staff, and his work, much appreciated by all, was a credit both to himself and to his class.

The third in the series of Tech. afternoon parties was given in Cotillon Hall, Saturday, March 12th. The matrons were Mrs. F. A. Walker, Mrs. Wm. B. Rogers, and Mrs. C. R. Cross. The music was furnished by Daggett's orchestra, and at the intermission three excellent selections were played by the Mandolin Club. About seventy-five couples danced. The next and last of these parties will be held on Saturday, March 26th.

On Wednesday evening, March 16th, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers held its annual meeting in Room 11, Rogers. Annual reports of officers and committees were received. After the business meeting, Mr. Thomas C. Clarke gave a lecture on the "Progress of Bridge Building in the Last Fifty Years." The lecture was illustrated by lantern views. Juniors and Seniors in Courses I. and II. were invited to be present.

The sale of "Technique" came off as advertised, Friday the 18th. There was no such rush as last year, probably due to the fact that a greater one was expected, and a large number of men bought their copies by proxy. By half-past one o'clock, however, an hour and a-half after the sale opened, only a dozen of the books remained, and the editors had even sacrificed their own copies. Another hundred arrived later, and supplied the afternoon demand. Three hundred more are on the way from the publishers, and will be placed on sale as soon as they are received.

The Co-operative Society tickets for the ensuing year are now ready, and members should renew their subscriptions at once. The color has been changed, as usual, and the new tickets are printed in cardinal on a gray field, the Institute colors. It is to be hoped, moreover, that a large number of new men will purchase tickets. Besides the pecuniary advantages afforded, the objects of the society are of the sort which should appeal to every Tech. man, and there is no reason why this year the membership list should not reach the four figures which Technology now so proudly boasts.

The prospectus for the Summer School of Mining has been issued by Professors Richards and Hofman. The party will leave Boston, June 1st, and remain at Drifton, Luzerne Co., Penn. for thirty days, studying anthracite coal mining in particular; the work including mining, timbering, track laying, and surveying above and below ground. A geological map of that neighborhood will also be made. A number of iron, steel, zinc, lead and silver works will probably be inspected on the return trip. This summer course seems to be an excellent one, and the Miners are fortunate in having such a splendid opportunity for practical work.