was to the last one of the most active members of the committee on this school. He was also, to the last, one of the three members to represent this Institute in the Corporation of the Museum of Fine Arts.

"In 1872, Mr. Ross imported a full collection of apparatus, largely relating to optics, which he deposited in the department of Physics of the Institute, and of which we, for the past twenty years, have had the sole use.

"In all the long years of his service in this Corporation, but few members have been more constant in their attendance, and more prompt in the performance of such duties as fell to their lot.

"As a tribute to the memory of Mr. Ross, this brief summary of his services is made a part of our records."

The thirteenth issue of The Tech, which appears December 22d, will be the Christmas number. It will consist of at least twelve pages, and will contain the fruit of the best talent the editors can extract from themselves and the Institute in general. The price will be raised to fifteen cents a copy, to allow for the additional expense of a special cover and extra cuts. A full list of the contents will be posted on the bulletin board in Rogers that week. Copies will be for sale in the lower corridors of all the buildings, at the office, and at Maclachlan's.

Communications.

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Boston, Dec. 5, 1892.

To the Editors of the Tech:—

I would like to ask those of my classmates, who are in favor of having the members of the graduating class appear in cap and gown on Commencement and Class Day, if they have considered of what the cap and gown is a relic, and what it signifies.

The editorial in last week's Tech. states that "Yale, Harvard, Brown, and several other colleges have adopted it with great satisfaction to all." It is perfectly proper that Yale, Harvard, Brown, and the several others colleges adopt it; but it would be entirely out of place for the Institute of Technology to do so. The gown has always been identified with universities where theology, law, literature, and the languages are studied. It is a garment adopted from the universities of England, where it is not only worn on Class Day, but also at all times by the students. It is the insignia of the professions studied at these institutions. The divinity student continues to wear the gown in practicing his profession—the law student, in England at any rate, does likewise; while the literary man wears it in his study.

Is the gown the insignia of the professions taught at Tech.? Would we after graduation take it with us into the factories, the mills, mines, foundries, railroads, chemical works, and the many other industrial establishments, where Tech. men are to be found? No. It would be better to take a pair of overalls, a jumper, and an old slouch hat. These are more the emblems of our professions; and if Technology's graduating classes feel that they should like to look distinguished (?) at commencement, they could wear the overalls and jumper with more propriety than they could the cap and gown; though I am quite sure that no class would vote to adopt such a uniform for Commencement and Class Day.

Senior.

To the Editors of the Tech:—

The Executive Committee of the Class of '93 have had under consideration a certain matter regarding the welfare of the Institute, and would like to make the following proposal to the members of the four respective classes, '93, '94, '95, and '96.

We believe that there is a very urgent demand for some sort of a body of students, which shall represent the student mass as a whole, and which shall have constantly at heart the amelioration of our interests and our condition, not only among ourselves, but also between ourselves and what may be called the outer world. This body or committee should be given the power to put into execution anything which after due deliberation its members believe to be for the best interests of the students. The reasons for the organization of such a body are readily realized, if one considers one or two of the opportunities which would