trip of the “Cadet,” were then reviewed by Mr. A. D. Fuller.

A well-rendered solo by Mr. F. C. Schmitz urged on the buoyant spirits, although a few holes were cut in the smoky air to allow the song to reach all present. Mr. Schmitz answered the encore with “Daisy Bell,” with every one singing in the chorus.

Course XIII. received attention by R. G. B. Sheridan. The following toast, “Tech as I have found it,” showed the fertile brain of Mr. Gerard Swope, who, to the great delight of his hearers, told the whole in verse, even the additional bits which the applause demanded. “Co-education” was advised by Mr. J. J. C. Wolfe, showing by his remarks that he was decidedly in favor of the ladies.

Mr. W. C. Marmon was at home when he began his toast, “On the Bicycle,” and advocated its use by all. Several selections on the banjo by G. F. Shepard, Jr., delighted the crowd to the extent of numerous encores.

On “The Financial Depression,” Mr. L. K. Yoder held forth at length, congratulating the men on the prospects of a full treasury.

With many rousing cheers, the crowd started for home by straight and circuitous paths, after spending a night of thorough enjoyment.

The Institute of Technology.

The December meeting of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was held at the Rogers Building Wednesday afternoon, when reports of the President and the Treasurer were presented. Mr. George A. Gardener was elected a member of the Corporation.

President Walker’s report shows the number of students this year to be 1,158,—a gain of 98 since last year. Of this total, 701 were on the catalogue of last year; 457 are new students. The average age on entrance is 18 years 9 months. It is deemed remarkable that the combined effects of financial stringency and of the large number of new technical schools or technical departments in the older colleges and universities, should not have reduced the attendance of students at the Institute. On the contrary, not only has the aggregate number increased, but the constituency of the Institute has widened. Forty States of the Union, together with the District of Columbia, Utah, and New Mexico are represented upon the lists; twenty foreign countries or provinces send students to the Institute. The number of students from Massachusetts is 666, every county but Dukes and Nantucket being represented. Suffolk leads with 202 students; Middlesex sends 192; Essex 81; Norfolk 78. One hundred and fifteen Massachusetts towns send students, forty-one sending four or more. The number of women pursuing studies at the Institute is forty-seven. Among the students are seventy-nine graduates of institutions conferring degrees. Of these nineteen are graduates of Harvard University, eleven of the Institute of Technology, four of Yale, three each of Williams and Smith Colleges, while thirty-eight other institutions are represented.

No new buildings have been erected during the year, but the Institute has acquired by purchase 50,000 square feet of land immediately adjoining its Engineering and Architectural buildings. The cost of the acquisition being about $277,000, brings a very severe strain on the finances of the school. The President remarks that at no time in the history of the Institute has the financial pressure been equally severe and painful.

Among the courses of instruction, the greatest number of regular students is found in Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering follows next, Civil Engineering being third, and Architecture fourth. The total number of students, both regular and special, in the department of Architecture is 119. The appointment of M. Despradelle, in succession to Professor Létag, has proved most fortunate. The enthusiasm of the department has never been so great, or the standard of instruction so high, as at the present time, Mr. S. W. Mead, of Boston, has been appointed assistant to Professor Despradelle.

The total number of students pursuing mathematical studies is 857: 631 take English; 609 Physics; 551 Chemistry; 410 German; 370 French; 252 shop work. The total number of instructors of all grades, regularly engaged at the Institute, is 117. In addition to these are twenty-seven persons appointed as lecturers for the year only, raising the aggregate of those concerned in instruction to 144, which gives one instructor to eight students.

The Faculty has lost three members during the year; Prof. Louis H. Horton by death, Profs. Charles H. Levermore and George R. Carpenter by resignation. The chair of English, made vacant by Professor Carpenter’s resignation, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Arlo Bates. Dr. Brown takes charge of Professor Norton’s work for the present year, assisted by two instructors and a number of chemical experts giving lectures on their several specialties. No attempt has been made to fill the chair made vacant by Professor Levermore’s resignation. Assistant Professor Currier for the present takes charge of the department of History; special courses are to be given by Dr. John Fiske, of Cambridge, Mr. A. Lawrence Lowell, of Boston, and Prof. J. F. Jameson, of Brown University.

The equipment of the Institute has been largely increased in nearly every department during the year. The libraries of the Institute now aggregate over 30,000 volumes and 12,000 pamphlets.

Two members of the Corporation have died during the year,—Mr. Frederick L. Ames and Mr. Jacob A. Dresser.