present. The ushers were Messrs. Fowle, Blake, Farwell, and Merrill, all of '93. Mr. and Mrs. Alden will make their future home at Lynn, where Mr. Alden holds a position with the American Projectile Co.

At a meeting of the Glee and Banjo Club, held in The Tech office last Friday, the propositions from the alumni in Chicago for a concert in that city upon the 26th of January were considered. On account of the hard times they cannot raise the full guarantee deemed necessary by the clubs to ensure a successful trip, although they are exceedingly anxious to have the clubs present at their annual banquet on the following evening. It was, therefore, voted to postpone the trip until next year, as many other college clubs have done. In place of this a short New England tour is now being planned.

The Civil Engineering Society held a regular meeting Wednesday evening December 27th. Mr. Edward P. Adams, lighthouse surveyor, first and second districts, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on the lighthouse system of the United States, illustrated by a number of charts, photographs, and stereopticon slides. Mr. Adams gave a short review of the history of the lighthouse system, and dwelt some time upon the principles which characterize it to-day. He explained the different refractors in use, and the dimensions and the magnitude of the lights along the coast. The lecture was fairly well attended, considering the busy times. Mr. S. K. Clapp, '96, and Mr. F. C. Greene, '96, were elected active members.

The most important matter which came before the Senior class in their meeting on Thursday, December 28th, was the report of the photograph committee through its chairman, C. A. MacClure. The old custom of having cabinet photographs taken of all the members of the class by the same photographer, will be continued, and the members of the class can purchase as many photographs of members of the Faculty or of their friends as they desire. It is, however, expensive to purchase many cabinet photographs, and many men would not be able to get pictures of all their friends; the committee have, therefore, decided to publish a portfolio containing pictures of the buildings, organizations, and familiar scenes of the Institute, pictures of the members of the Faculty, and a picture of every man in the class. Such a portfolio will not cost more than five or six dollars. The class accepted the report of the committee and gave them full power to carry out their plan. The treasurer of the class was empowered to collect enough money from the members of the class to defray the expenses of the class athletic team and such other bills as may be presented. The chair informed the class that the Institute Committee proposed to obtain a special bulletin board for student events, to be paid for by the four classes of the Institute. The class voted to support the Institute Committee in this matter.

Why?

I wonder why the Institute
Is builded six miles high,
And flights of stairs and landings
Go winding to the sky?
I wonder why?

I wonder why the "plates" are due
A couple in a day,
And work and lesson double up
In such a weary way?
I wonder why?

I wonder why the chocolate pie
Is always giving out,
And all the oyster stew is gone
Before I get about?
I wonder why?

There are so many curious things
I would they were not so;
And yet, we think the Institute
So jolly, don't you know?
I wonder why?