at Washington. The work is edited by Dr. Chandler, of Lehigh University, and is made up of descriptions, photographs, and plans of several of the prominent laboratories in the United States, and the famous one at Zurich, Switzerland. The account of our own laboratories is the most extended of all, containing twenty-seven illustrative plates and a long explanatory article. Dr. Drown, who took charge of sending these plans and photographs, deserves a great deal of credit for the comprehensive way in which they were made up. The laboratories at Lehigh were also well represented, as were those of Yale and Cornell. A comparison of the work done in these different laboratories will appear in a later number of The Tech.

At a recent meeting of the Faculty it was voted that for the purpose of giving the students the means of readily obtaining friendly advice, each new student be assigned to some member of the instructing staff, who shall act as his adviser. In accordance with this, the secretary will send out to each new student a card, informing him who has been designated as his adviser. The student will also be informed that his adviser will be glad to see him at his earliest convenience, and will at any time cheerfully give him such assistance, contemplated by the vote of the Faculty, as he may require. The student will, in addition to this, be furnished with the office hours of his adviser. It will be distinctly stated on the student's card that it is not intended by this rule that instructors shall become, in any sense, the guardians of the students assigned to them; and that the Faculty does not, by this action, assume any responsibility for the conduct and deportment of students outside of the walls of the Institute.

A young woman, of Rockport, Maine, came to Boston last October, presumably to study at the Institute. She engaged a lodging in a fashionable boarding house on Mt. Vernon Street, and seemed to be honest in her intentions. Soon, however, she developed a most extraordinary taste for elegant things, which was not in the least diminished by her scanty bank account. She ordered six bonnets which sold for $194, a dress at $85, a set of draperies at $486, and an open grate at $270. She did not stop here. She selected eight hundred dollars' worth of the choicest engravings, one hundred dollars' worth of cut-glass ware, fifty-eight dollars' worth of shoes, thirty-five of wines, and the same amount of the best stationery. All these were obtained on credit, and were sent to the house where the woman boarded. The landlady, however, feeling it her duty to teach her young novice not to be extravagant, sent the goods back to the stores as fast as they arrived. In this way the cleverly laid plans of the young woman failed, and all on account of the kindness of the landlady, who did not suspect the evil motives of her new boarder. The innocent creature seems to have disappeared suddenly, and this caused her transactions to come to light. She was so busy with her shopping that she did not carry out her original intention of studying at the Institute. We are happy to say that her course here ended with her registering.

To a Picture.

Thou art a star, to cheer my darkest night!  
Thou art a sun, to warm my chillest day!  
Thou art a shining beacon, clear and bright,  
Casting a guiding light from far away.

I pass along the crowded city street,  
And in a court I see a garden drear,  
Where in the midst alone is blooming sweet,  
A rose, in lonely splendor, spreading cheer.

And tho' I know 't were vain for me to try  
To grasp so fair a prize, in swelling bloom,  
A gracious God doth grant that, passing by  
I catch the influence of its sweet perfume.

I feel its force, and after, on my way,  
I see again, with sweetness ever new,  
A blooming rose to cheer the darkest day,  
And dream, fair Esther, lovely queen, of you.