Summer School of the Civil Engineering Department.

The Adirondack region near Keeseville, N. Y., was again this year, during the month of June, the scene of work of the Summer School of the Civil Engineering Department. Eighteen students took part, the work being conducted by Professor Burton and Professor Porter. The plane table survey of the region, which had been begun last year, was extended over one thousand six hundred acres. In base-line measurements, experiments were made this year in using the brass tape in conjunction with the steel tape. Besides the practice work during the day, measurements were made for the first time during the night, thus gaining the most uniform atmospheric conditions obtainable. The result of the measurements with the steel tape showed a probable error of one part in seven hundred and fifty thousand, bringing the standard of the work on a par with that of the Mississippi River Commission and the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. This year, for the first time, work was done with the Precise Level, a line of levels being run along the banks of the Ausable River to determine its average fall.

June 16th, the members of the summer school spent the day in the Au Sable Chasm, and all were much interested in the geological features of the chasm, its wonderful potholes, fossil ripple marks, and cascades. The same day a pulp mill in Keeseville was visited, and the process and machinery explained by Professor Porter.

Excellent opportunities were given those interested in geology to make excursions to points of interest, and to obtain an abundance of fossils and specimens. The last of these excursions took place June 24th, when a party went to visit an iron mine in Clintonville, and had a chance to descend into the interior of the mine.

Although the work during the day required considerable attention and exertion on the part of both instructors and students, there was ample time for recreation. Supper was preceded by a swim in Augur Lake and followed by tennis till dark, then by bowling or music in the hotel parlors. Keeseville offered variety in the form of band concerts and society, and notably by a dance offered by the young ladies of the town, and a baseball game with the Keeseville nine, resulting in favor of the Technology men, who, after the game, filled the town with M. I. T. yells.

The work of the school was accomplished throughout in a most satisfactory manner, and reflects much credit on both instructors and students.

The Architectural Society Bohemian Supper.

The first Bohemian Supper of the Architectural Society for this season was held last Saturday evening at Mieusset's, No. 1 Van Rensselaer Place. Twenty-three members of the society were present, and, although the room was none too large to hold the noisy gathering, the supper was certainly as successful as any held last year. J. H. Parker was presented with the piano, and he proceeded to "rip out the strings," but in such a delightful manner that he was forgiven the offense. His interpretations of the Bijou, Faust, and Carminie, with the able accompaniment of the street violinist, were enjoyed by all. Mieusset's table d'hôte was served, the intermissions being filled with able songs and stories. The operation of appeasing an architect's appetite was at last accomplished, and the guests, tilted back in their chairs and with London straws in their mouths, proceeded to enjoy a most entertaining spontaneous programme. E. J. Loring and A. E. Zaff rendered popular airs in various lights and shading, and J. H. Parker's impersonations and songs were taking. A proposition was launched by C. A. McClure, '94, for the union of the members of the society who have left Technology, and