Professor Richards' Reception to the '97 Miners.

On Thursday evening, November 15th, Professor and Mrs. Richards entertained at their home in Jamaica Plain the Second-year Miners, and about twenty-five members of the Faculty and corps of instructors. This was the first one of a series of three which Professor and Mrs. Richards are accustomed to give during each year to the students in Mining and in Chemistry. About one third of the Faculty and corps of instructors, together with their wives, are invited to each reception. In this way the students are enabled to meet one another and their instructors under the pleasantest circumstances.

On these evenings Professor Richards throws open his library and his cabinets of minerals, gems, and curios, showing to both the students and the professors many novel sights, which are long remembered.

Professor Richards is an expert glass blower, and as usual he delighted his guests by an exhibition of the art. Formerly he has presented a water hammer to one of the ladies, but last Thursday the Miners drew lots for it, and Mr. Washburn, though absent on that evening, is now the fortunate possessor of the water hammer.

The hospitality of Professor and Mrs. Richards has made these occasions become a prominent feature in the social life at Technology. These tête-a-têtes between professor and student, over a tray of gems or a collection of photographs, are great factors toward strengthening the bond between students and their instructors.

Reunion Dinner of the Summer School of Mining.

A REUNION dinner was given by Professor Richards at his home last Thursday night to the men who attended the Summer School of Mining at Nova Scotia and Cape Breton last June. All members of the party were present excepting A. S. Coburn, '95; his place at the table was taken by a substitute.

Beside each plate was a gilded schlegel und eisen tied with the M. I. T. colors. The center piece was a representation of a smuggler's cave (considerable smuggling is carried on along the part of the coast surveyed by the miners, and on one dark night a whole cargo of smuggled goods was landed close by the camp). Between the courses were brought in things suggestive of the various incidents and accidents of the five-weeks' stay in the Provinces. A minature camp, with its tents and "Aleck," the cook, and his eleven-pound salmon, was at one end of the table; at the other end was a "Brownie" with a kodak under his arm.

Triangulations, contours, and coal seams were represented in various ways in the pies, cakes, and candies. Professor Richards' stadia prism was reproduced in ice cream. As the Fourth of July was duly celebrated by the Miners while at Sidney, this event was recalled by the introduction of the "Uncle Sam" brownie on a box covered with the stars and stripes. Sears, '95, read an extract from an oration delivered to them that day.

B. Hodge, '95, was unanimously elected as scribe to write an account of the Summer School for THE TECH.

The Cane Rush.

All day long, in a drizzling rain, the Sophomores and Freshmen had a battle royal at the South End grounds on Wednesday last. It was their annual football game and cane rush, and the Sophs. won the day. Their determination to redeem themselves this year, combined with the experience of a year ago, proved too much for the Freshmen, who, it must be said, were awake to all opportunities but were attended by misfortune. Tuesday night one hundred Sophomores hoisted their class flag and guarded it through the dreary