last year's pieces, but in the middle of the sele-
tion the audience perceived his improvisa-
tion, and prolonged laughter and applause fol-
lowed. The young ladies attended in large
numbers, and were afterwards given a sere-
nade by the Clubs.

The Sociological Thesis.

The spirit of individual scientific investiga-
tion, which has characterized the Massachu-
setts Institute of Technology from its beginning,
notably in the Engineering departments, is this
year to be extended to the Department of Gen-
eral Studies.

The sociological branches of this department
have lately been permanently and substan-
tially enlarged. Messrs. Fisk and Melluish,
of Course IX., are to make an investigation
of the morphological characteristics of some
of the students of the Institute, to determine
the relative distribution of head-form, and
color of hair and eyes, among country and
city bred students. The subjects for exam-
ination will be taken from the two lower
classes, as the proportion of students residing
in the country to those living in cities is
more nearly equal than in the upper classes.

The data to be sought are age, place of
birth, nationality of parents, and length and
breadth of head. As the investigation will re-
quire no facts which the most sensitive student
would not cheerfully give, and as this thesis
work has the indorsement of the Department
of General Studies, it is hoped that full and
accurate information will be furnished.

Numbers are to be used, so that the student's
name will not appear on the official record.

The results of the data obtained will be
used in support or denial of a recent sociologi-
ical theory in regard to sociological changes
which are taking place in our urban and rural
populations.

It is the intention to make the above exam-
ination the beginning of a series, to be con-
ducted in consecutive future years.

Thesis Subjects selected by Course IX.
Seniors.

HENRY K. SEARS.—History of Suffrage in the United
States since 1789.

WILLIAM R. HEDGE AND HENRY R. HEDGE.—Occupa-
tion, previous experience, and length of service of
members of the United States Congress, compared
with members of the English House of Commons
and the French Chamber of Deputies.

A. LE BARON RUSSELL.—The geographical distribution
of sexes at birth in Europe, as an index of the cross-
ing of races: with especial reference to France.

JAMES G. MELLUISH AND HARRY G. FISK.—An Investi-
gation upon the students of the M. I. T. to deter-
dine the relative distribution of head-form, color of
hair and eyes, in city and in country.

A tablet to Professor Létag is soon to be
placed in the Boston Public Library.

Professor Chandler, during the past vaca-
tion, visited Baltimore and Washington.

A new punching-bag has been placed in
the gymnasium, and is in great request.

Professor Dewey has been delivering a
series of twelve lectures at Johns Hopkins
University.

Professors Runkle, Holman, and Niles
have all been confined to their homes on ac-
count of illness.

President Walker is giving a course of lec-
tures at Harvard on “Bimetallism since the
discovery of America.”

The Biology option for the Sophomores in
Course V. has been changed from two hours
to one hour per week.

A large number of tickets have been sold
for the competitive drill which takes place
this spring in Mechanics Hall.