at Brown University, will be succeeded on the 1st of March by Captain C. H. Murray, 4th Cavalry. Both officers were classmates of Captain Bigelow at West Point.

Mr. Maynard Dodd, Chief Electrician of the Cable steamer Minia, and a graduate of the Glasgow Scientific School, visited the Institute last Thursday. The Minia has been engaged in repairing the Atlantic cable, and several instructors and professors from Technology are to examine her apparatus this week.

Of course every man of the battalion wants Tech. to carry off the honors at the intercollegiate drill. Now is the time to win that contest. Coaching and cramming are of no use in acquiring steadiness, ease, and grace. These qualities count for a great deal with the judges, and can only be realized as the result of constant practice and as matters of habit.

At the recent meeting of the Junior class it was voted to have Junior Week the week following Easter Sunday, the 5th of April, and to have the Junior Promenade on Thursday of that week. It was voted to have a committee of five to arrange for the promenade, and to have this committee chosen by the executive committee. Mr. Le Baron and Mr. Atwood were elected to the board of directors of the Co-operative Society.

At a meeting of a joint committee from L'Avenir and Der Deutsche Verein last week, a plan for raising the debts of the two societies was adopted. Professors Van Daell, Vogel, and Dippold and Mr. Blachstein have volunteered to deliver lectures on literary subjects. The lectures will be given in some room connected with the Institute, and the members of both societies will make strenuous efforts to sell a large number of tickets. Mr. von Holst has been appointed manager.

The K2S Society held a dinner at the Thorndike, February 27th. About thirty-five men were present. The following guests enjoyed the hospitality of the club: Professors Cross, Sedgwick, Hofman, and Lodge, of the Institute, and Professor Carmichael, of Bowdoin. The post-prandial exercises were under the charge of Toastmaster Gage. Professors Cross and Sedgwick, and others spoke on matters of Technology interest.

Professor Bates has been acquiring a wide reputation lately, owing to the discovery of a valuable stamp in the collection which he has been making for his son. It is the only known ten-cent Baltimore stamp. It has the name of James Buchanan printed on the face with an X. below; and this constitutes the bit of paper which has suddenly risen in value from a dollar to two thousand. Stamp collectors from far and near have vied with each other for its possession, and the Professor himself says that he has gained more notoriety on account of his philatelic discovery than from all his literary work. The stamp is to be auctioned in New York about March 15th.

The Civil Engineering Society held its regular meeting Monday evening, February 17th, in Room 12, Rogers. Mr. J. F. Sickman, '98, read a paper describing and explaining the construction of a large masonry dam at Holyoke, Mass. His lecture was illustrated throughout by stereopticon views. Mr. Sickman did not make use of the personal pronoun in his paper, but it is due him to say that he carried on some very important tests in regard to the strength of cements on behalf of the contractors. In the specifications it was required that cement as good as the best English Portland cement should be used. Tests were made with several American and English cements. Various combinations of cement, sand, and water, were used, and the best proportion ascertained. The most important result of the tests was the establishment of the fact that the American cements were superior to the English.