other great stride in its growth and usefulness. The new building, as planned, will be used by three courses, Architecture, Chemistry and Biology, each of which has outgrown its present limits. The building will be one hundred and fifty feet long, and open through into the present architectural building. One of its features will be a large museum extending through two stories. The Freshman chemical lecture room will also be placed in the new structure. The rest of the building will be devoted to laboratories and recitation rooms.

The Institute has never made it a policy to build a building and then expect to grow to fill it, but every new addition has been the result of an imperative demand for more room, and, as such, each is a sure and most gratifying evidence of rapid yet solid and healthy growth.

The Class of '99 is to be heartily congratulated on the drill of last Friday night. In every way the affair was a brilliant success, and Technology men have a right to feel as proud of the management of the competition as of the result. Our complete victory was unexpected, and therefore doubly pleasant. Especially is it gratifying to know that our battalion won on all around excellence as the Brown companies excelled in the set-up.

The formation of a Bicycle Club at the Institute has supplied a heretofore existing want. It has long been evident that such a club was needed, owing to the rapid increase in the number of wheels, and the corresponding demand for facilities for keeping them safe during recitation hours. We heartily favor a club which has a reasonable and practical object in view, and therefore hope to see this latest organization become a prosperous and successful one.

The tests which have recently been made of the Chestnut Hill Pumping Station and one of the power houses of the West End Street Railway, by our fourth year students, call attention to the advantage which the Institute derives from its situation in the midst of a great manufacturing district. Permission is readily obtained to test power plants of various sorts in the neighborhood, for their owners are glad to have the efficiency of their apparatus determined with the care which is always used in conducting these tests, and the students are greatly benefited by meeting with the problems which occur in actual practice. Every year more and more outside testing is done as thesis work, and the success which has resulted from the introduction of these tests, during the present term as a part of the regular Engineering Laboratory work, is likely to insure their continuance and increase in connection with this work.

The current school year being so near an end, a great number of the class of '97 are beginning to realize that ere long they must form a decision as to what particular option in their course they will take up for their last year's work at Technology. While we do not believe it is wise to be hasty in this decision, a suggestion is in point to those as yet undecided, in order that all their energies of observation may be put into play during the coming summer, and, if possible, that each man shall endeavor to obtain some practical experience upon which to base his more theoretical work of next year. We believe that much is to be gained by the concentration of efforts along some one line, providing the breadth of view is not endangered. The options are not calculated to turn out specialists; it is believed rather that a man becomes the better specialist by first having pursued a regular course of study. The option gives the student valuable training in some one branch of his course which his inclination or foresight urges him to