the range, to see the shafts of the tunnel. Thirty-five of the party returned through the tunnel to North Adams and saw the natural bridge. In the evening Professor Barton lectured on the formation of Greylock. Sunday morning at five they started up Greylock; reached the top at nine; and returning to North Adams, left for Boston at two o'clock.

A number of improvements have been made in the laboratory of Applied Mechanics, during vacation. The 50,000 pound Olsen testing machine has been moved over near the new cement machine, and in its place has been put a 100,000 pound machine of the same make. This machine was built especially for the Institute, and is equipped with an extra set of long columns and extra pulling screws. Both machines have been supplied with iron guards, to prevent injury to the students from flying fragments of fractured specimens. The large girders which are to form part of a 400,000 pounds arch testing machine have been completed, and have been placed in the space between the boiler house and the Architectural building. Their weight is a little over 10,000 pounds. They will be set on piers, very near the same space they now occupy.

The quietest Freshman meeting ever held at the Institute occurred when '00 assembled for the first time as a class. President Walker had ordered both doors open, and the Sophs. had free admittance; but with this inducement only a few of the more temerarious ventured to enter, owing to the fierce appearance of the newcomers. Mr. Russ called the meeting to order, acting as the President of the Junior Class. Among all the nominations for Chairman, Mr. M. W. Hall was chosen. His conduct of the meeting was very praiseworthy. Ninety-nine attempted to vote several times, but were ignored. After much display of willing material, the following temporary officers were chosen: Chairman, M. W. Hall; Secretary, C. M. Leonard; Football Captain, T. Nesmith; Football Manager, R. J. Roberts. Constitutional Committee: S. G. H. Fitch, C. B. Cotting, P. B. Cooper.

The first meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society for the present year, was held Thursday, Oct. 15th, in Room 22 Walker. The meeting was opened by President Dougherty, who gave a short history of the society, and outlined its plans for the coming year. Professors Cross, Puffer, and Clifford, and Messrs. Laws, Goodwin, Smith, Derr, Wendell, Norton, Drisko, Coolidge, and Lawrence were then elected honorary members of the society; after which Mr. Howes, '97, gave an interesting talk on electric launches, explaining in detail their construction and operation. A noticeable feature of the meeting was the number of Sophomores present, as in former years the membership has been confined almost exclusively to Juniors and Seniors. Messrs. Gray and Ferris, '97, and Lord, '98, were appointed a committee to arrange the programme for the next meeting, which will occur Friday, Nov. 6th. The society has at present eighty-six members. All Course VI. men desiring to join should consult the secretary, Mr. Hayward, '97, before the next meeting.

Rondeau.

(On Gibson's picture, the End of the Summer.)

"Shall both forget these lingering summer days,
That seem with languid joy our souls to fill?"
Thus spoke she, wistful, while her level gaze
Sought, o'er the ebbing tide the distant hill,
That glimmered softly through the August haze.

Now all is over; and, as in a daze,
I only know that Fate's resistless will
Has sent us forth on widely parting ways.
Shall both forget?

For her, new love the old love's pang allays;
Perchance if once, for me, her pulse could thrill,
She now finds rapture in another's praise,—
Perchance she only proved her sex's skill;
But never, while my life its law obeys,
Shall both forget.