used in connection with the lectures on Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Geo. E. Hale, in whom few recognize the graduate of Course VIII., '90, has earned a great name for himself in the world of Astronomy. By undaunted effort he has well-nigh mastered all that is to be known of the sun and its behavior in the light of present theories, and has achieved as a result of his study so far, the Directorship of the mammoth Yerkes Observatory, situated at Geneva Lake, Wisconsin, now the property of the University of Chicago. The buildings are well-nigh completed, and before long a giant telescope will be mounted for observations.

The House Committee of the Technology Club have issued a circular containing the following items: "The sleeping rooms may be secured at one dollar per night (for not more than three consecutive nights, if applied for by others), on application to the steward, either directly, or by letter, telephone, or telegraph. A long-distance telephone (Tremont 195) has been placed in the Club for the convenience of members, and no charge is made for its use, except in connection with points outside the Boston District. Strangers may be admitted by members to the Clubhouse and its privileges, but no member may bring the same guest oftener than once in two months."

Through the courtesy of Alexis H. French, a former student at Technology, now Town Engineer of Brookline, the Fourth-year students of Courses I. and XI. were enabled to inspect a large drain, now being constructed in Brookline. For many seasons Stony Brook has, at times of heavy rain or rapid melting of snow, overflown its banks and seriously inundated the basements of houses along its line. The evil has been increasing of late, and the question arose as how to avoid further trouble. The achievement of this purpose will be fully realized, it is claimed, by the drain, which is now in process of construction. It is from ten to twelve feet wide, and from eight to nine feet in height. The arch is elliptical, and is of solid concrete, thirteen inches thick at the crown and about eighteen at the side. The lower half is of rubble and rough concrete, paved at the bottom with a comparatively flat floor. The students walked for three or four hundred yards in its interior, and were much pleased with the trip. The drain will be about a mile long, and will cost about fifty thousand dollars. A considerable item of expense is the necessity to underpin all the buildings along the line of the channel.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

Will you kindly allow me the use of the columns of your paper to call attention to a much-needed improvement in the shower baths at the gymnasium? At present two of the baths are connected to the hot-water system and one to the cold, so that in winter it is necessary to use either the hot water or the ice-cold water direct from the street. Many men wish to take more or less cold baths, but are unable to do so on account of the extreme coldness of the water. By a few simple changes in the piping, both hot and cold water could be run to each shower, thus allowing the temperature of the water to be regulated at will. The necessary changes would be inexpensive, and would be a great convenience to all men using the gymnasium.


TO THE BOARD OF EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

Dear Sirs,—In the Boston Herald of Monday morning last, it was announced that I was the aide from Technology in the so-called sound money parade. I wish to say that my name was placed there without my authority, and that I had no connection with the parade.

Very truly yours,

W. R. STRICKLAND, '98.