but if there is any fault to be found, it lies in the rendering rather than in the conception, for throughout the book there is evidence of the artist's eye for the "fitness of things."

The literary work, notwithstanding the absence of the Editor in Chief, and despite the fact that there has been no improvement in the verse, is without exception the best which has yet been produced, and the Board may be fairly said to have scored a point on its predecessors in making its literary and artistic work of more nearly equal worth.

The book is larger by some ten pages than ever before, but there seems to be nothing in it which could well have been sacrificed, and through economical arrangement and good binding it is by no means inconveniently cumbersome. Typographically it is the best so far published.

For the volume as a whole we have only the greatest praise. From cover to cover it is novel and bright. The Board has held to all that was best in the older editions, has extended and improved most of the departments, and has left no stone unturned in its efforts to amuse. As a result it has presented us with a work of which the Junior Class will be justly proud, and one which will win for it well-merited applause.

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At the regular quarterly meeting of the American Statistical Association held last Friday evening in Huntington Hall, all business was postponed, and the time was devoted to a review of the life and work of General Walker, by Col. Carroll D. Wright, who was his friend and co-worker. From the beginning of the speech, when Colonel Wright said of General Walker, "Whatever he was called to do, either as a student, or as a soldier, or as a publicist, or, greater than all, as an educator, he did with his whole strength and with the devotion of his great, ardent soul," to its close, the entire address was a series of high tributes.

After briefly outlining General Walker's life, up to the beginning of the war, Colonel Wright gave in glowing terms the main points of his military career; passing thence to his civil life, he said, "The public offices he has held more fully emphasize the versatility of Walker's talents than any other element in his experience."

Then followed a list of the many positions in which General Walker has served: "In addition to these public trusts,—and General Walker considered each and every one of them a trust to be administered with integrity and with courage,—very many honors have been bestowed upon him. He received degrees from more institutions of learning than any living American. He was granted in course the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Amherst in 1860, Master of Arts in 1863, and Doctor of Philosophy in 1875. Yale made him Master of Arts in 1873; while the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was bestowed upon him by the university of Halle in 1894. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was bestowed upon him by Yale and Amherst in 1882, by Harvard University in 1883, by Columbia in 1887, by St. Andrew's in 1888, by Dublin in 1892, and by Edinboro in 1896."

Dealing more in detail with General Walker as a statistician and political economist, Colonel Wright gave an account of his work in these lines, and told of the improvements he had introduced in the methods of census taking. In closing he said: "It may be that we shall conclude that the most monumental work undertaken by President Walker was the administration of the affairs of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I have spoken of his equipment for that position. His breadth of mind enabled him to understand the needs of the Institute, and his great administrative abilities made him familiar at all times with the features of the various curricula. His innovations were