Changes in Courses of Study.
Several changes have been made this year in the course of study. The most noticeable of which is the change of Theoretical Chemistry from the first term of the second year to the second term of the third year, for students in Courses III., V., VIII., and VII. The courses in Geology, such as Mineralogy, Structural and Chemical Geology, and Historical Geology, have been set back from the second to the first term of the second year. New courses have been added to the Fourth-year Chemistry. Dr. Whitney will give a new course on proximate analysis, an option consisting of laboratory work, and, therefore, of great practical value. Dr. Norris will lecture on the history of Chemistry for all Fourth-year students in the Chemical Department. Professor Laws and Mr. Norton will give a new prescribed course in electrical and heat measurements.

SOME BORROWED WIT.
Judge: "You are accused of killing your best friend."
Prisoner: "He hit me, sir."
Judge: "I should have thought that that would have been the last thing he would do."
Prisoner: "It was, sir."—Cornell Widow.

"I think I will start life a Fresh," said the dropped Sophomore.—Harvard Lampoon.

"Closely is a miserable miser."
"Yes, and he began it early, too. They say he used to count the rocks when he was in a cradle.—Yale Record.

"Listen," hissed the burglar, "there are steps within." He was right. After swinging the iron door back he leveled his lantern straight upward, and ascended the first landing of the vault.—U. of M. Wrinkle.

Report of the Committee on Physical Training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
On March 31, 1897, a meeting attended by members of the Faculty, Alumni, and students of the Institute was held, and the condition of the Gymnasium, and the work being done in physical training were generally discussed. It was the unanimous opinion of those present at this meeting that an effort should be made to improve this important adjunct to the student's life; and, as a result, a committee was selected to investigate and to make a report.

The committee was selected as follows: two graduates by the executive committee of the Alumni Association; two under-graduates by the Institute Committee; and these were requested by the meeting to ask a member of the Corporation to serve with them unofficially.

The member of the Corporation selected is Mr. James P. Munroe; the two members selected by the executive committee of the Alumni Association are Messrs. Edward W. Rollins, '71, and Frank H. Briggs, '81; and the two under-graduates are Messrs. H. W. Allen, '97, and C. E. A. Winslow, '98.

It has seemed to this committee that the matter could be best treated under three heads:—
First.—Suggestions relating to the improvement and supervision of the Gymnasium.
Second.—Suggestions relating to physical training.
Third.—Suggestions relating to athletics.

There is, undoubtedly, a great and increasing demand, not only on the part of the students, but from those who are interested in and responsible for the higher education of young men, that there should be definite and adequate provisions at the Institute of Technology for their physical training. To your committee this seems a legitimate demand; and while they appreciate fully the sacrifices and untiring effort on the part of the Corporation and Faculty, which have resulted in so developing the courses and improving the educational efficiency of the Institute, that it easily leads among technological schools, they cannot but feel that the time has come when it is not only desirable, but is absolutely necessary for the future welfare of the Institute, that this demand should be recognized, and, as far as practicable, satisfied.

The matter of physical training has been recognized by practically all the great educational institutions throughout the country; and though obligatory—