The Applied Mechanics Department has been extended to the basement of the Architectural Building, and during the summer a number of testing machines have been moved in there. A line of heavy shafting has also been put up, the line being driven by a quarter-turn rope drive presented by the Dodge Manufacturing Company. This rope drive, consisting of one continuous rope six hundred feet long, is a very valuable addition to this department, and students are fortunate in being able to avail themselves of it.

Two new boilers have been added to the boiler room; the steam being brought from there in pipes supported on girders run between the two buildings. It is intended to carry one hundred and fifty pounds at all times, the piping so arranged that two boilers can be shut off and utilized for various purposes in the old Engineering Laboratory, and the two new boilers run at a steady pressure.

All the buildings have received a thorough freshening up, and Rogers and Walker have received extensive alterations. The Secretary's office has been greatly improved and enlarged, and the General Library will soon be established in roomy quarters in the room formerly occupied by the Biological Laboratory.

In Walker Building additional facilities have been secured for the Chemical and Physical Departments. The old textile coloring and sugar analysis laboratory is now the analytical laboratory for fourth-year students. Room 33, formerly President Craft's private laboratory, is now divided into a weighing room and a private laboratory for Dr. Fay. Room 30 has been fitted up as office and private laboratory for Dr. Talbot. Room 34, the old Supply Room, is now a laboratory for research work, the Margaret Cheney Room being used as the Supply Room. Room 39 A, used for weight determinations, is now used for sugar analysis. A portion of the analytical laboratory has been converted into a small laboratory for weight determinations and proximate analysis. The former weighing room has been partly changed into the organic laboratory and partly into a private laboratory for Dr. Norris.

The organic laboratory has been enlarged to accommodate about forty students, with a private office for Dr. Noyes leading from it. The old volumetric room is now the weighing room, and the volumetric work has been transferred to the analytical laboratory.

Claims Awarded.

In the fire that destroyed the upper floor of the Architectural and Engineering Buildings last April, the loss to the students and instructors was not covered by the insurance on the building. Those who lost drawing instruments, models, or other personal property, reported in detail, as requested at the time, to the Institute, and by vote of the corporation, orders on Maclachlan have now been given out making good the various claims in full.

This action on the part of the corporation deserves special note. While in no way responsible for property left by students in desks or lockers, the Institute has voluntarily assumed the responsibility of an insurance against loss to its students from causes which may be regarded as unforeseen and exceptional, and in so doing it has made good a loss which many of the men could ill afford to bear. It is gratifying to note, too, that all claims were settled in full,—a recognition of that spirit of honor, upon the possession of which the Tech. man so prides himself.

A CASE OF TWO IN ONE.
To ride a bicycle built for two,
Perhaps is lots of fun;
But many a pair
Have found pleasure
In a rocking chair
Built for one.

—Ex.