of the fund did not carry out the intention of Franklin. Forts, bridges, etc., were considered out of the question.

A hearing was held in November. President Crafts had addressed a letter to the Managers of the Fund in the interest of the Institute. This letter proposed, in case the motion relating to a trades school were rescinded, that the money should be devoted to the building and maintaining of a Franklin Museum of Electrical Science, as a most fitting memorial to the man who made such important researches in the investigation of the properties of electricity. The electrical apparatus now owned by the Institute was to be added to what could be purchased with the Franklin Fund, thus making one of the most notable and complete collections in the world. The building was to be erected by the city for the use of the Institute.

At the hearing of the Board of Managers, at which President Crafts was invited to be present, the discussion related to the advisability of founding a trades school; and President Crafts took no part, as he was unwilling to oppose the establishment of such an institution, and had only made his proposition in case the managers decided to rescind their vote. Last week Mayor Quincy secured the repeal of the act of 1893 by a vote of eight to six, but the opposition was strong enough to prevent any other action being taken; and the matter is left for the new Board of Aldermen coming into office the first of the year. The following order was lost by a vote of eight to seven.

Ordered, "That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized, if the Managers of the Franklin Fund shall purchase a building of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to execute an agreement with said Institute, that said Institute shall occupy said land and buildings in connection, with instructions in physics, mechanical engineering, and electricity for the term of ninety-nine years, at a rental of $1 per annum, shall give courses of free lectures upon one or more of said subjects annually during said term, shall designate said building as the Franklin Building, and shall establish eight scholarships, to be known as the Franklin scholarships, and to be awarded to graduates of the grammar or high schools of the City of Boston on competitive examinations."

A second order provided for the purchase of the Engineering Building and the land on which it stands, to be used for lectures and instruction in physics, mechanical engineering, and electricity, the expenditure not to exceed $150,000. The rest of the fund was to be devoted to public baths.

The proposed mode of leasing the Franklin Building at a nominal rent to the Institute makes practically available the purchase money for uses connected with Electrical Science. Moreover, the acquisition of such a fund would be but another mark of confidence in the work that is being done at Technology. In its relation to the Franklin Fund, it would be impossible to find a public work carried out more exactly upon the lines specified in Franklin's will.

"I wish to be useful even after my death, if possible, in forming and advancing other young men that may be serviceable to their country," wrote Franklin. The service that Technology is doing for the Commonwealth in the development of such men cannot be overvalued. Not only is this influence felt throughout the industrial world, but in the late war our students and alumni were found competent to fill positions of importance in the field, and in the Engineer Corps operating at Santiago and Porto Rico, while many graduates from our course in Naval Architecture are now employed in the Government's Navy Yards.

Its particular relation to the citizens of Boston is shown by the fact that eighteen per cent of the students at Technology are Bostonians, and forty-eight per cent live in homes within daily reach of the school.

In conclusion, we trust that before the final disposition of this Fund the new Board of Aldermen will make themselves personally acquainted with our school and its work; and, if this is done, we will be content to rest the case confident that Technology will receive this aid to which she has so good a claim.