much—so much for ourselves, so much for many a great cause since '61. It is not for me to eulogize him. Eloquent words are still in our memory. The bronze bust in the Rogers Hall attests the devotion of his last four classes. The Alumni Association has withheld voice and action until now, rightly judging that for it words would not suffice, and that action to be adequate must be deliberate. There can surely be none to doubt our duty as Alumni. Is there a graduate of the seventeen hundred from '82 to '98 who does not owe to President Walker a share, not only of his technical education, but of things greater and better—his ideals of manliness, of good citizenship, of all that belongs to character? Do we not, then, also owe it both to ourselves and to the Institute—so great a part of which he was—to give fitting embodiment to our gratitude; to make the name of Walker mean to all future students something of what it means to us?

"I take it, gentlemen, that thus far my thesis needs no argument; that whatever question remains can relate only to form, and to ways and means. What shall be our Walker Memorial? Some months ago the Association of Class Secretaries—that incarnation of Alumni zeal—appointed a Committee, of which I have the honor to be chairman, to consider this question, with the hope of eventual cooperation with this Association. The Committee has been asked by your Executive Committee to report at this meeting.

"A few years since it would have seemed idle for the Alumni even to consider a subscription for a gymnasmium for so great a body of students in a section where land values are so high. Now, however, the Institute finds itself occupying a gymnasmium on land owned by the Boston & Albany Railroad, with a tenure apparently more and more precarious as time passes and railroads change. Because of this uncertainty, no radical changes of equipment can be made. At any time the Institute is liable to find itself with no gymnasmium; a situation on which I will not dwell. This present difficulty, liable to become at any time more acute, must be met, and it can be best met only by beginning early with plans for a new gymnasmium. I do not doubt that, if the wealth of our Alumni were proportionate to their enthusiasm, funds for a gymnasmium would be forthcoming to-night. I am sure that by extending our efforts over a series of years a liberal sum may be obtained, and I venture to express a confident hope that such a gift will not be refused by the Corporation, which has land available on Garrison Street, even if some draft upon the Institute treasury proves ultimately necessary.

"How much can we hope to do? A few figures will suffice. In 1885 the Association, numbering about three hundred and fifty members, undertook to raise a scholarship fund of $5,000 in memory of President Rogers within a period of five years. In nine years the fund reached $10,000.

"Now we have nineteen hundred graduates; more than five times as many as in 1885. Let us, then, undertake to secure $25,000 in five years, and let us make it $50,000. This should meet half the cost.

"We desire to commemorate President Walker; the Institute needs a gymnasmium; no memorial could be more fitting. Himself an athlete in a broad sense, mentally as well as physically, he never failed to emphasize the proper limitations, as well as the high value, of physical exercise. However far the academic student may sacrifice the cultivation of the mind to the development of bodily excellence, the Institute student, already devoted to his profession, must keep, play in due subordination to work. Yet the Institute student, most of all, needs to keep his body always in vigorous health to sustain his mental activity at its best. Nor does this mean mere gymnastic routine. The man of active brain needs better exercise than an endless round of mechanical movements, which may well suffice for the athlete, whose only object is to