It is our sad duty to record the death of Prof. Alphonse N. van Daeell. Professor van Daeell has been in ill health the greater part of the winter, and had been granted leave of absence for the remainder of the year in the hope that with a rest he might recuperate. A little over two weeks ago he started for Weisbaden, Germany, to take the treatment there. His vitality, however, was spent, and he died shortly after reaching his destination. He leaves a widow and a young daughter, who were with him at the time of his death, and two sons, who are in business in Philadelphia.

Professor van Daeell was a native of Belgium. He graduated from the College of St. Servais in 1864, and in 1868 he took the degree Docteur en Droit at the University of Liège. He came to America in 1873, and held the chair of Professor of Modern Languages at Kentucky College from 1876–79. Since then he has been instructor at Haverford College, and lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania, and director of Modern Languages in the Boston High and Latin Schools. In 1889 he came to Technology as head of the department of Modern Languages, which had been made vacant by the death of Professor Otis.

Professor van Daeell was a man whose deep interest in the educational welfare of his students made his friendship personal. His grace and courtliness of manner, his cheerful smile and kindly face had endeared him to the student heart, and his loss will be sincerely felt both by his colleagues and the undergraduates and Technology alumni.

A representative of The Tech, having learned the Charles Bank Gymnasium Track would not be opened until April 20th, immediately informed the management of the Track Team. The Athletic Association hoped to use this track to train the team on for the Brown Dual Meet, April 20th, so the management of the team appeared before the Park Commissioners, on Monday, to ask that the track be opened as soon as possible for the Tech. team.

The chess contest between Tech. and Andover, played at Andover last Saturday, resulted in a tie. The Andover team proved remarkably strong. The effects of the coaching of Mr. Rider, the Harvard crack, were plainly in evidence. The star game was that between the champions of the two teams, Mr. R. H. Bolster winning out by brilliant play in the end game. Mr. Penard outplayed his opponent from the start, while the playing of Mr. Seaver in a well-contested game was noteworthy. Mr. Barton also scored for Tech.

The Technology Bowling team played its first match last Saturday, and was defeated by the Dorchester Central Bowling Club, by a margin of eighty pins. Flynn, '99, Chaffee and Sherman, 1900, and Coleman and Perry, '01, constituted the Tech. team. The defeat was no doubt partly due to Technology’s being unfamiliar with the alleys, which was shown by a steady improvement in the scores as the game progressed. The final score was: Dorchester, 2,128; Tech., 2,048. Coleman bowled the highest score for Tech., 202 pins. The next match will probably be with the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.