or machine shop. Or, again, it is asked why the proprietor of the restaurant on Clarendon Street does n’t put a sign on the front of what we call the Pierce Building. No one ever heard of the shop on Garrison Street. The absurdity of the whole thing is amusing.

In view of the present state of affairs, it does seem as though some attempt should be made to straighten out these frequent misconceptions of the size and extent of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The best method of effecting this is not at once apparent, but if each building bore its name in reasonably conspicuous lettering, a part of the question would be solved. Now that the matter has occupied the attention of the Institute Committee, that the Institute authorities have had two years in which to think it over, and that it has been commented on by The Tech, much of the preliminary red tape has been disposed of and we may hope to see something done.

I note with much pleasure the success of a Technology student in the Prize Essay Contest of the American Protective Tariff Association, of which notice is made in another column.

This contest was entered by students from Yale, University of Pennsylvania, University of Indiana, Knox College, New York University, University of Rochester, Union College and Vassar.

It is generally the custom among students in the scientific courses to look rather lightly upon the utility of Course IX, and to class its members with those whose aim in life is to do as little work as possible. Such sentiments as these can no longer bear any weight.

Considering the fact that the contestants represented the foremost colleges of the country, in which literary training is uppermost, Mr. Holden’s success is especially remarkable, and places Technology in the front rank as a general educational institution, in addition to her already well-earned position as the most successful scientific school of the country.

In his talk with the representative of The Tech, Professor Barton showed that his attitude throughout, while one of conscientious independence, was maintained with especial regard and consideration for those who sincerely held differing opinions. It is to be regretted that the protest of the church should have been given to the press before Professor Barton had had an opportunity to answer the letter. Furthermore it seems to us unfortunate that the church failed to accept Professor Barton’s invitation to meet him and talk the matter over. Had such opportunity for a reply been given, and a friendly conference taken place, much of the ensuing controversy would have been avoided.

As the geological party was not connected with Technology, this matter affects the Institute only through Professor Barton himself, and by the promiscuous references made by the church. The Tech has no desire to take up an issue that does not pertain to the Institute; but so far as Professor Barton’s connection may bring the matter home, The Tech is glad to have opportunity to express complete endorsement and approval of his entire action.

A Roast.

“Holy Smoke!” said Satan, as he tossed on another bishop. — Ex.