Board of Aldermen came into office last January; the plan in which the Institute was concerned was entirely lost sight of; more or less wrangling has followed; and today the end of the matter is not even in sight. It is not asking too much to expect that those who now have this money in their control shall use their power in such a way that the people of Boston and not a few ward politicians and contractors shall receive some real benefit from Franklin's gift.

HE Institute has every reason to congratulate itself upon being honored with the responsibility of representing the United States in several branches of technical education. When one thinks of the great number of colleges and universities older than Tech. which have been passed over in the allotment of these exhibits, he can form but one opinion of this honor conferred upon us. It would seem that other men,—men of the greatest authority in educational matters,—think as General Walker did, that "This is a place for men to work, not for boys to play."

The recognition of Technology's work in lines not scientific, as evidenced by the requests of the United States Department of Economics and of the Massachusetts Commission on State exhibit that we should take charge of preparing exhibits requiring much careful work in making statistical charts, is especially gratifying.

The Committee of the Faculty, which has so well performed the work of arranging these exhibits, and those who have made such valuable geological collections certainly deserve the hearty thanks of every man here.

As for the exhibits themselves, they cannot but add to the most enviable reputation of Technology, both in Europe and in America.

Tech Board Luncheon.

The annual photograph of the Board of Editors of THE TECH was taken at Chickering's on Saturday, December 16. Following the photo, the party adjourned to "The Old Elm" in accordance with time-honored custom, and regaled themselves as only TECH Boards can. Mr. C. E. A. Winslow, '98, assumed the role of toastmaster, and was looked upon with envious eyes by H. L. Morse, '99, who had "dropped in" to fill that express office, as he afterwards confessed. Messages were received from many ex-editors.

The party separated after many anecdotes of past TECH Luncheons, and incidents dear to the heart of The TECH editor.