Reception at the Exchange Club.

The annual reception by the alumni to the graduating class was given on Friday evening, May 1st, at the Exchange Club. At seven o'clock the members of the graduating class, the alumni and guests began to assemble, and at nine o'clock, after the spread, President Miller of the Alumni Association, opened the speechmaking. He spoke briefly in welcome to the Class of 1900 and of the object of the work of the Association. He then introduced President Crafts who was warmly received. President Crafts spoke in an informal manner of the important events which have taken place during his administration, and considered the facilities for enlarged work which are now afforded by the recent purchase of land by the Institute. After speaking briefly on the financial side of Technology, he gracefully introduced President-elect Henry S. Pritchett who received a very cordial welcome. Dr. Pritchett said in part:

"I am here tonight, not in an official capacity, but as the latest member of the Class of 1900, and as such it is fitting to be modest and say nothing. But I want to say a few words to you. I come from one of the great engineering bureaus of the country, one of the oldest of government enterprises. There are carried on operations of the highest moment, and the work is so very interesting that a man would not leave unless great attractions were offered him.

"Any one knowing the Massachusetts Institute of Technology knows that it holds up the highest standard of technical education, for here it is necessary to learn one thing well. If there was ever any time when that was needed to be done it is now. Wisely or unwisely, we have come into possessions beyond the ocean where the building of railroads and canals and the development of the country will require the best efforts of American engineers."

Dr. Pritchett then paid a tribute to President Crafts, and continued: "I desire to be more to you alumni than merely president of the Institute. I desire to enter into personal relations with you. Accept me as a personal friend and give to me your personal help and advice. And I hope that as we come to know each other you will welcome me not only because of your regard for Technology, but for your friendship for myself."

Following Dr. Pritchett, President Miller introduced Professor Robert H. Richards of the Faculty, who spoke of the results which had been accomplished during the administrations of the several Presidents of the Institute. Dr. Samuel J. Mixter of the class of '75 spoke in a reminiscent vein of life at the Institute while he was there. The last speaker was Mr. C. M. Leonard, President of the graduating class, who related a number of interesting anecdotes of members of the class. During the evening selections were rendered by the M. I. T. Glee Club.

The Baccalaurate Sermon.

The Baccalaurate Sermon was preached by the Rev. George Hodges, in Trinity Church, June 3rd.

And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47.

They stood where you stand, at the beginning. They had in their hearts the same strong desire which you have: they wanted to succeed.

It is true that they expressed it differently; they stated it in the phrase of the church rather than in the phrase of the street. What we call success, they called salvation. "What shall we do," they said, "to be saved?" But the difference is chiefly in the words. They had in their minds what you have in your minds today. For to be saved is to succeed supremely.

It is true that success commonly suggests something secular; we call a man successful who gets on in his business, who makes money or a name. And salvation, in common speech, suggests something spiritual: the saved man is he who is sure of going to heaven when he dies. But neither of these definitions is sufficient. Salvation, properly understood, is spiritual soundness; it means sanity and strength; it is the good health of the whole man. And it has to do with this present life. We are saved when we are delivered from our sins, and are strong in conflict.