The Bust of General Walker.

A life-size bronze bust of Gen. Francis A. Walker is to be set up within a few days in a niche in the southern wall of the courtyard of the Public Library. Workmen have begun to cut into the granite wall, the location being just opposite the windows that overlook the courtyard from the main staircase.

Three years ago the city council authorized an appropriation of $2500 for this bust of a president of the Institute of Technology, who had been a trustee of the Boston Public Library. Last year the art commission regarded favorably a model submitted by Mr. Richard E. Brooks, sculptor, and he received the contract for the work.

The bust is considered to be a good likeness. It represents Gen. Walker in military uniform, with uncovered head. The countenance is impressively strong but not stern. The bronze piece is to stand in relief against a bronze plate, three feet high and nearly as wide. This background is to be let into the granite wall several inches, and will be supported by a decorated bracket of marble.

On the base of the bust is the name "Francis Amasa Walker." At the top of the plate are the words "Soldier, Economist, Statistician." Below, over the head, is this inscription: "President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—Trustee of the Boston Public Library." To the left of the head is the inscription: "Superintendent of the Ninth and Tenth Census," and to the right "Brevet Brigadier-General of the United States Volunteers."

Architectural Department.

Several new and important additions have been made in cast-work in the architectural department. The latest casts to arrive were ordered by Professor Homer a year ago and were made especially for the Institute. Unfortunately the cast of a feature of Trajan's Arch at Benevento was broken badly in shipping, but it has been sent to Caproni and will be mended so as to be placed in the studio with the other casts. The principal casts are from the entablature of the temple of Castor and Pollux and were made by Gherardi. There is also included a cast from Cantigalli's in Florence purchased by Mr. Gardner. The casts will be arranged around the studio later this fall. Much of the terra-cotta work purchased by Mr. Gardner has already been attractively hung and arranged in the studio.

Mining Engineering Society.

The Mining Engineering Society held a very successful meeting last Thursday afternoon in Room 11, Rogers Building. There were about fifty men present. President Pritchett spoke on general topics and brought out strongly the need of Spanish for Mining Engineers. Dr. Talbot gave an interesting talk on the importance of iron analysis to these engineers. Professor Richards gave a brief address. Another meeting will be held in about two weeks, the subjects to be announced later.

The following men were elected to membership: 1902, Sissons and Simon; 1903, Pell, Cooper, Martin, McKelvey, Sherman, Manson, Peaslie, Shaw, Godfrey, Green, Smith, Healy, Babcock, Low, and Schmidt.

Civil Engineering Society.

At a meeting of the Civil Engineering Society held on November 2, Mr. Bigelow, '01, spoke on "Metropolitan High Level Sewers." The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. On Saturday, November 3, the Society made an excursion to River Street Station to visit the work in question. Members of the C. E. Society are invited to attend the next meeting of the Society of Arts, to be held November 8, at which meeting Dr. Pritchett will be a speaker.