At the meeting of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology held on October 9, two interesting appointments were confirmed. The first was that of Capt. William Hovgaard, of the Danish Navy, as Professor of Naval Design in the department of Naval Architecture. This appointment is in the direction of strengthening the department along lines which have been contemplated for some time.

Capt. Hovgaard has had an unusual experience both as a constructor and instructor, having for some years been engaged in visiting various shipyards in the United States and other countries on behalf of the Danish government. His reputation as one of the foremost naval constructors is world wide, and his coming will be a source of strength in the work, which the Naval Cadets sent here from Annapolis, are to take.

Another appointment of interest is that of Dr. H. P. Talbot as head of the department of chemistry. Dr. Talbot has for some years past been Professor of Analytical Chemistry, and, since the departure of Dr. Drown, has in a measure acted as head of the department. His appointment is a most fitting recognition of the work which he has done in this capacity; and with the full power of the head of the department he will have an opportunity to develop the work of the Institute in chemistry along the most efficient lines, and, in particular, to give special consideration to the methods of teaching chemistry, to the improvement of the teaching of industrial chemistry, and to the additional work of chemical research.

Professor Bates opened his course in second year English on Monday, the seventh. In place of the five-page theme which has hitherto been required, the students will be expected to write a summary of each of the lectures. Professor Bates began his lecture with a few words in regard to the value of the study of literature to the engineer. Among other things he stated that President Pritchett had under consideration a plan for making English a prescribed study in each year of the regular course at the Institute.

One copy of Technique 1903 for the five best Grinds. Leave Grinds at "Cage," addressed Technique.

The annual fall handicap games take place on Soldiers field Saturday the 19th. First and second prizes are offered. It is hoped a large number of entries will be made. Admission free.

Fifty men have signified their intentions of trying for the Freshman football team, and, since the 'Varsity will not take the Freshman's best material this year, as has been the custom formerly, a fine team ought to be developed. The services of Mr. David Daly of Harvard Law School, brother to the famous quarterback, will probably coach the team.

Professor Rambeau's course in elementary Spanish seems to be very popular and has opened with a large class. It is possible that in another year this course will be offered in two sections, in order to accommodate the increasing number of students.

Calendar.

Friday, October 18th. — All Andover men meet in Room 11, Rogers, at 1 o'clock.

Saturday, October 19th. — M. I. T. Annual Handicap Meet, Soldiers Field, Cambridge, at 3 P. M.

Prof. — Is your name Ellen?

Co-Ed. — No, 'Ellen; spell with a haitch and not with a hee; haitch, hee, hell, hee, hen; 'Ellen. — Exchange.