ALTHOUGH a great deal has already been said and written about the "Walker Memorial Movement" and its object, the Walker Memorial Gymnasium, a few words regarding the history of the Memorial Fund may not be at this time out of place,—this time, when we confidently expect to realize in the course of a year the fruits of the movement in the shape of a magnificent gymnasium and a common student social house.

With Dr. Tyler rests the honor of first conceiving of a memorial to our late and esteemed president, General Walker. The first idea had but little definiteness as to what form this memorial should take, and it was left to others to suggest different schemes, such as athletic field, gymnasium, and finally the happy combination of physical, and one might say, social, gymnasium. At the annual dinner of the Alumni Association in 1899 the scheme was first made known to the alumni, and a committee of nine was appointed which should, as the resolution says, "Undertake by a subscription the collection of a Walker Memorial Gymnasium Fund, to be applied by future agreement with the corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology towards the cost of erecting and equipping a gymnasium as soon as may, in the judgment of the corporation, be practicable."

A general systematic canvass for subscriptions among the alumni was begun as soon as possible, and by the next year about two thousand dollars had been subscribed. In the course of another year the fund amounted to thirty-four thousand dollars, by alumni subscriptions and gifts from the Walker Club, Civil Engineering Society and members of the instructing staff.

Dr. Pritchett, on his appearance as the active head of Technology, took up the work of the Memorial Fund with great vigor, and gave to it a new impulse. Mainly through his influence the corporation agreed to give the site and maintain the building, putting at its head a competent instructor, if the amount of one hundred thousand dollars was subscribed to erect the building. With Dr. Pritchett also developed the idea of a gymnasium in the broader sense— not simply and solely a place for physical exercise, as the name might imply.

So actively had the second call for funds been pushed, that by