we know so well. At this time (1881) there were only eight courses at
the Institute, three hundred and thirty-two students and thirty-seven
members on the instructing staff. We had only two buildings,—the
Rogers building and a one-story brick annex where the Walker build-
ing now stands. The following year the Walker building was erected,
and then the entire school was changed over to suit the new conditions.
The department of Electrical Engineering was established as a branch
of the course in Physics. A little later the shops were built on Garri-
son street, the drawing-rooms in the Rogers building were fitted up,
and changes were made in many of the courses. For the first time,
entrance examinations were held in the principal cities outside of Bos-
ton. To enumerate all the changes which the Institute underwent
during the presidency of General Walker would be to give in detail
the history of many of the fixtures and landmarks which seem to us
never to have been separated from the familiar old halls and classrooms.
If any Tech man lacks spirit, let him turn back a few pages of Tech
history, and read of the time when President Walker was doing his best
to improve the little school which has become the best school of its
kind in the country. Let him read of the time when the classes were
so small that every man could have a place on the Technique Board.

In the midst of its usefulness President Walker's life was cut short
by his sudden death in January, 1897. If success in life means doing
something worth doing, and doing it well, then Francis A. Walker did
not live in vain. One might almost say that his greatest characteristic
was success. He enlisted in the army as a volunteer, and he came out
a general; he took the presidency of a struggling scientific school, and
he left it at the head of its kind. He left the memory and example
of a good soldier, a good scholar, and a good scientist, to the history of
good old Tech.

At the annual meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society, held
Thursday, May 22, the following officers were elected: Presi-
dent, James W. Welsh; vice-president, Ralph W. Eaton; secre-
tary and treasurer, William M. Gilker.

The final meeting of the Class of 1902 will be held on Tuesday,
June 10, in 11 Rogers, at half-past nine in the morning.
The reports of the officers and committees of the Graduate
Organization will be received. F. H. Hunter, Sec.