"Uncle George," said Rollo, looking out of the hotel window, "I wish that you would tell me about that large group of buildings on the other side of the street."

It was evident that Rollo's question had reference to the buildings of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a famous school of engineering, which is situated almost exactly opposite to the hotel where Rollo and his uncle were residing. In fact, Mr. George had selected that particular hotel in order that he and Rollo might be in the neighborhood of this important center of learning.

Mr. George perceived that Rollo was really desirous of procuring information regarding these conspicuous edifices, and was quite willing to instruct him as far as he was able.

"These buildings," said Mr. George, "have passed through a great variety of mutations during the lapse of successive centuries, but at present are utilized as the seat of instruction for a large number of youths who do not desire to pursue the more arduous and less comprehensive course of instruction which is afforded by an attendance at the neighboring smaller and less important institution known as Harvard University."

Rolly was greatly interested by his uncle's explanation and amused himself for some time by watching the little scenes and incidents which were continually occurring on the opposite side of the street. Presently he perceived a number of young men emerge from one of the buildings, and saunter along the sidewalk in a very careless and unconcerned manner. His uncle explained to him that they were members of the entering class.

He also saw a number of attractive young ladies of an exceedingly elegant demeanour, who were continually passing to and fro between the various buildings.

After spending nearly a quarter of an hour in this profitable and enjoyable manner, Rollo became tired with his amusement, and said to his uncle that he should like very much to become a student in the institution.

Mr. George was greatly pleased by this evident indication of the seriousness of Rollo's character, and told him that it would be quite possible to make suitable arrangements in order that he might immediately commence upon the pursuit of his course of studies. He directed Rollo to procure his cap, and they sallied forth together to make inquiries regarding the mode of action to be pursued on entrance to the Institute.