

the slightly grounds upon which we are located, immediately opposed the passage of the bill.

Claims in equity were advanced and the matter was thoroughly argued out before the Ways and Means Committee of the legislature. Certain ill-advised compromises were proposed, one representative even desiring to use the land for the foundation of the Franklin Industrial Institute, thus leaving Technology entirely in the cold. The several hearings of the committee occupied considerable time, and the absolute right of the Institute to use the land as it might desire, if transferred, was clearly demonstrated. Being favorably reported, the bill passed the House without any of the proposed restrictive amendments. The senate passed it with practically no discussion and the Governor's signature made the act valid. This occurred in June, 1903. The land was thus wholly released to the Institute with the trifling restrictions that all buildings should conform to municipal regulations and should not be for purposes of stables or manufactories, and that a minimum space of 22 feet should intervene between the front walls and the street on the sides towards Boylston and Newbury streets.

Possessing these rights the board of trustees have decided to erect a five-story building between Rogers and Walker. While utility and instant necessary expansion are the main reasons for such action, the fact that this is practically a test of the Institute's property rights has led the abutters to seek restraint through an injunction. This will be the final test, and is founded on the question of whether more than one-third of the land can properly be utilized for building purposes. The contest, if insisted upon, will be rapidly pushed by both sides, and the Institute, if all goes well, will soon have its property rights unquestioned.

The new building will be, as stated, between Rogers and Walker. As only 66 of the 97 feet between the buildings will be utilized, and as the new building is to be only 48 feet deep, very little light will be shut off, and the lawns will be kept nearly intact. The Newbury Street front will be 22 feet from the street, while Rogers is 33 and Walker is 30. The new building will thus not extend far between its neighbors. Its height, as theirs, will be 80 feet, consisting of five stories, and its appearance will harmonize with both of the other buildings. Considerable difficulty was experienced in planning an edifice so near to two others which are as dissimilar as Rogers and Walker, but the design, while plain, is quite effective. Theo H. Skinner of Rand & Skinner is the architect.

Half of the basement is to be occupied by an extended mining laboratory, the other half by an extension of the laboratories under the Walker Building. The first floor, connecting with Rogers Library and with Walker, by covered passages, will

contain four lecture rooms 22 feet by 32 feet. The second floor will be arranged for the private use of the Faculty, for receptions, etc. The upper stories will be devoted to laboratories, each 44 feet by 46 feet, the whole being heated by steam and lighted by electricity. It is expected to begin construction in the near future.

Various sentiments have been expressed by students, to the intent that the project of moving had been apparently abandoned, the new buildings being cited as proof. The plan of moving has never been anything more than a suggested proposition, but it will be the natural and proper evolution of our present rapid growth. The erection of buildings costing well under fifty thousand dollars need not be taken as indicative that Tech will not move. While this could in no case take place in our undergraduate days, our successors will undoubtedly have the opportunity of studying in a less confined and quieter location.

Sophomore Athletics.

It is a little early to criticise the teams which are to represent 1906 in the Field Day games, but it is evident that the time is none too long to develop satisfactory teams. The tug-of-war candidates have not yet been called out, but about half the proper number of men are now working for the football and relay teams.

It is hard to form an idea of the quality of either of these teams, especially the relay, on the basis of this season, but the men are working hard and can be depended upon to put up a strong fight if supported by the Class.

The relay team has been doing light work at the Oval daily, under the direction of Captain Mann, and if he can infuse some of his spirit into the men, 1907 will have to fight the last inch of the relay race.

The football team is badly handicapped by lack of proper grounds, the greensward back of the Gym not being adapted for football. Captain Geist's greatest need at present, however, is more men, so that two elevens may be formed. The attention of 1906 men is called to notice in this issue for more candidates. The team as a whole is playing very ragged football, the principal fault being their