

the conspirators to hide "in the box tree" to observe Malvolio "yonder in the sun, practicing behavior to his own shadow;" but the make-believe is well enough if they simply peep out between the green curtains at the back of the stage. Since no time is needed to change the stage setting, the scenes follow in a succession so rapid that the confusion of the twin characters is really effective. And, finally, the acting is thrown into most conspicuous prominence. Of an Elizabethan performance by professional actors in Cambridge some years ago, the players reported that, after getting over the queerness of the Elizabethan stage, they enthusiastically appreciated the close attention centered on the acting and the sympathetic intimacy necessarily produced between the actor and his audience.

The test of these exacting conditions Mr. Ben Greet's company stands, on the whole, well enough. The songs, to be sure, are queerly sung; Olivia seems intolerably prim and old — she should be of suitable age for Sebastian, Viola's twin; and more fun seems possible in the parts of Sir Andrew and Sir Toby. But the Viola is beautiful, simple and powerful beyond criticism or appreciation; and the Malvolio so well done that it is really the dominant figure of the play. It has been often pointed out that the part is in some essential respects tragic; but the sober earnest of Mr. Greet's acting in the last scene and the gust of tragic emotion attendant on his exit is altogether surprising.

Chemical Society Meeting.

On Friday, Jan. 8, the Chemical Society united with the Boylston Chemical Club of Harvard in a meeting at the Harvard Union. In spite of the storm there were about one hundred students and instructors present; among those from the Institute were Professors Talbot, Fay, Norris, and Noyes.

Mr. Forbes, president of the Harvard Society, welcomed the Tech Society and introduced Professor Richards of Harvard as the speaker of the evening. The subject was, "Some Recent Theories Upon the Constitution of Matter." Mr. Richards gave a review of many hypotheses which had been useful in many ways but which had been set aside. It was stated that the sensational announcements which appear in popular form about the dis-

integration of radium into other elements had not been proved, and many points were brought out which had been based upon very risky arguments. Professor Richards then spoke of some work which he had done upon the volume of the atom, and showed how his hypothesis would explain weak places in other hypotheses. In closing he gave the advice to know the difference between a dream and the reality and never to take the dream for fact.

After the talk refreshments were served and the members of the two societies had a chance to become acquainted. It is hoped that next term the Chemical Society can arrange another joint meeting to be held at the Tech Union.

Calendar.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14.

- 1.00 P.M. CHOICE OF COURSE LECTURE, Course VI., by Professor Duncan, in Lowell 6.
- 4.00 P.M. CHOICE OF COURSE LECTURE, Course XII., by Professor Crosby in 12 Engineering B.
- 4.15 P.M. VARSITY RELAY TEAM. First Trials at the Gymnasium.
- 4.15 P.M. ALL-ROUND ATHLETIC CONTEST at the Gymnasium. Third event, 35-yard dash. 1st, 15 points; 2d, 12; 3d, 9; 4th, 6; 5th, 3; and 6th, 1.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15.

- 1.00 P.M. CHOICE OF COURSE LECTURE, Course VIII., by Professor Cross, in Walker 22.
- 8.00 P.M. SOCIETY OF ARTS MEETING at Lowell Building. Prof. J. W. Richards of Lehigh University will address the Society on "The Use of Electricity in Metallurgy."
- 8.00 P.M. AT THE UNION ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY SMOKER, Mr. Buzzell, superintendent of the Gilbreth Construction Company, will speak. Tickets 25 cents.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16.

- 1.00 P.M. SENIOR AND JUNIOR EXERCISES CLOSE.
- 3.00 P.M. BASKET BALL TEAM vs. N. H. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE at Durham, N. H.
- 6.00 P.M. REGULAR INFORMAL DINNER at the Union.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20.

- 6.30 P.M. CLASS OF 1901 REUNION at the Union.

THURSDAY, JAN. 21.

- 4.00 P.M. SOPHOMORE EXERCISES CLOSE.

FRIDAY, JAN. 22.

- 8.00 P.M. AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY Meeting at the Union.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9.

- 10.00 A.M. EXERCISES OPEN FOR SECOND TERM.