On Thursday morning, June 9th, at about 2:45 a.m., patrolman Matthew Green walking up B'way saw a column of flame shoot high into the air at the head of B'way and immediately sent in an alarm. When the Chief arrived on the scene and saw the nature and extent of the fire he immediately ordered a second alarm sent in.

The fire had gained great headway even before it was discovered. When the firemen arrived the flames had reached from also fell in, but the firemen checked the blaze in the south wing before it was entirely burned. The upper floor and roof of this portion were charred and the lower floors were flooded with water.

Some students entered Professor Raymond's room and saved many things of considerable value, including valuable records and manuscripts. Mr. Dorrance, Business Manager of the Polytechnic, and Mr. Hemphill entered the Polytechnic

the first floor through five stories to the roof in the central portion of the building. The open stairways running from the lobby to the upper drawing room on each side of this central portion formed excellent flues and greatly hastened the progress of the flames. The north wing also was well under way before the firemen could get to work at it.

A portion of the roof in the center fell within an hour after the fire was discovered, and the upper floors were carried down to the ground. The floors in the north wing room and saved many articles which otherwise would have been ruined, including the Polytechnic account books and subscription list. Aside from the above mention, very little else of value was saved from the fire or water.

Of the entire building little remains except the walls, and of these the upper portions, near the roof, were crumbled by the heat. As the school year was nearly closed few of the instruments belonging to the students remained in the building, but thousands of dollars' worth of appar-
atus and materials, besides valuable data and records belonging to the Institute were destroyed, and these can hardly be replaced.

As to the origin of the fire the general opinion seems to be that it was incendiary.

Speaking editorially of this the Troy Times said:

"There seems to be little doubt that the conflagration this morning was incendiary. As the last of a series of fires in the Insti-
ute buildings, the inference is unavoidable that some miscreant has planned and finally with a large measure of success carried out the destruction of Institute property. The most strenuous effort should be put forth to detect and to punish so culpable an offender. This is a fine opportunity for the detective agencies of the police force of this city, whatever action may be taken by the authorities of the Institute with regard to the detection and punishment of the culprit."

It is noteworthy that each of this series of fires started between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock in the morning, that each started on the ground floor of the building and in such a part that it would longest avoid detection, and that some of these occurred at a time of the year when the furnaces were not being used.

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R. P. I. Notes.

The Junior Survey just before the opening of the fall term will probably be in the southern part of Washington County, including Lake Lauderdale, Hedges Lake and Lake Cossayuna.

Theodore James Bradley, Ph. G., of Delmar, was graduated this week with the degree of Bachelor of Science, will become professor of mathematics at the Albany Academy next fall. He will continue as assistant professor at the Albany Medical College and the Albany College of Pharmacy. He is a graduate of the latter school.

At the opening of the school year of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute next fall three new assistant instructors will be added to the faculty. J. Warren Morgan, '03, who has been an assistant in the departments of mathematics and surveying during the last year, has received an appointment on the barge canal survey and has severed his connection with the Institute. The new assistant instructors will be Harry Shoemaker of Cohoes, William Ralston Headden of Fort Collins, Col., and Elwyn Maxson Clark of Hampton, Conn., all members of this year's graduating class. Mr. Shoemaker, who will be an assistant in the department of mechanics, was born at Savona, N. Y., prepared at Egherts High School in Cohoes, and is a member of the Rensselaer Society of Engineers and Sigma Xi. Mr. Headden was born at College Park, Md., and was graduated at the Colorado Agricultural College with the degree of B. S. He is also a member of the Society of Engineers and Sigma Xi. Mr. Clark was born at Hampton, Conn., and prepared at the Willimantic High School. He is a member of Sigma Xi.

At a recent meeting of the Neutrals the following were elected officers for the year 1904-05: President, G. R. Halpin, '05; Vice-President, F. J. Keis, '06; Treasurer, F. S. Stephens, '06; Secretary, Robert Mandell, '07. The Neutrals are now very well organized and are thinking of securing rooms in the fall.

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Subscriptions to the Institute.

The following letter has been received by Elias P. Mann, Vice-President of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:

Troy, N. Y.—Dear Sir: After listening to the interesting address last evening, I am more and more impressed with the importance of the Institute to our city. As the speaker remarked, the Institute has given Troy a name, and its graduates can be found in all parts of the world. It is now time that our citizens did something for the Institute. If the present buildings are to be restored, I will contribute five thousand dollars to improve the same. I am, however, of the opinion that a better and larger location should be selected, where in time all the buildings could be assembled. A change of this kind would be greatly to the advantage of the Institute. What you want is plenty of room and an opportunity to enlarge, which is not the case in the present location. Should the trustees decide to make this change, I will contribute ten thousand dollars toward the change.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. W. TILLINGHAST.

A subscription of $5,000 has been received from W. & L. E. Gurley should the trustees decide to change location.

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1894 Reunion.

The Decennial Re-union of the Class of '94 was held Tuesday night, June 14, at the Elks Club. There were present: Professors Mason, Thompson, Raymond, Crockett, Robb, Carey, Murdoch, Chillman. The dinner was a great success and did not break up until half-past twelve. Most of the members present remained for the Alumni Meeting on Wednesday.