was held on the 11th at the rooms of Mr. Smith, and, after the adoption of the constitution, elected the following officers for the present year: F. L. Smith, president; G. L. R. French, vice-president; W. F. Carr, secretary; C. A. Bothfeld, treasurer; W. J. Luther and F. M. Stuart, committee of eligibility.

It was also decided at this meeting that certain transactions of the society should be kept secret.

Department Notes.

There was $34,000,000 worth of gold and $43,000,000 of silver produced in the United States in 1881.

We expect the chemical laboratory in the new building will be perfection, and will surpass anything in the country. Considerable time is now being spent in preparing the plans for it.

Mansfield, '83, has just begun his thesis work. It consists of refining all the old copper products that have accumulated in the laboratories. With good luck he should realize two or three hundred pounds of refined copper.

Tompkins, '83, began on his ore last week. It is zinc blend, an ore that has never been tried in the metallurgical laboratory before this year, and, consequently, there is considerable interest in the results. Tuesday was spent in roasting to drive off the sulphur.

The problem of the billiard hall was handed in last Thursday. Prof. Clark will give the mention some day this week.

The architects have sent in a petition to the Faculty that they may take water-color sketches this term instead of next.

A meeting of the A. A. M. I. T., now called the Boston Association of Architects, held a meeting last Wednesday evening in the Art Museum. The meeting was called to consider the by-laws of the new constitution.

The next problem will be that of a railroad station.