The Meeting.

It was night, and room No. 4 appeared deserted. A few struggling moonbeams made their way with difficulty through the dust-covered windows, and dimly revealed two forms at a desk upon a low platform. The forms were bowed upon the desk, their heads upon their arms, and both appeared sunk in profound slumber. Beside these two, no living thing was visible, and the stillness was as complete as that of the sepulchre.

Suddenly the solemn hush was broken, as one of the sleepers wearily raised his head and addressed the other, "Hollo, secretary! what time was this meeting called?"

Without moving, the second form responded, "'S afternoon at four thirty."

"H'm, four thirty! First man will be here in six hours — half past ten. Now it's nine. An 'our 'n' a half more. Well, good night, secretary." And the president of the Athletic Club again laid his head upon his arm and followed the secretary into the realms of unconsciousness, to await the assembling of his colleagues.

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At the meeting of Tuesday, Dec. 12, the following officers were elected for the ensuing four weeks: — President, Scott, '83; Vice-President, Dearborn, '84; Secretary and Treasurer, Bates, '85.

Following the election of officers an address was given by Mr. C. J. H. Woodbury, on Construction of Mill Floors. Mr. Woodbury, who was formerly a student of engineering at the Institute, is inspector of the Boston Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and his experience in this position puts an additional value on the facts and figures given.

At the meeting of the Society of Arts, last Thursday evening, the attendance was unusually large. Mr. J. M. Pendleton gave an interesting account of the Faure system of electrical storage, and its application to lighting, etc. Storage batteries were exhibited, with which arc and incandescent lamps were lighted, and a sewing machine was run by a current from four cells and a small motor of the "double induction" type fastened under the table of the machine.