Athletics.

The fourth annual games of the Union Athletic Club will take place Feb. 5 in the large hall of the Olympian Skating Rink. The M. I. T. A. C., which has often taken an active part in the games, will this year be but poorly represented, our men having had but little or no practice during the winter months.

A feather weight tug-of-war team consisting of Jordan, capt.; Deshon, anchor; Wolfe, and Magoun, has however entered, as also T. C. du Pont, '84, for the high kick. The tug-of-war team is composed of men comparatively new to the business, and although one of them has already made his mark as an athlete, we would hardly venture a prediction regarding their success. They will certainly have the best wishes of the Institute with them.

The schedule of games to be contested is as follows: Tug-of-war teams, 500 pounds; tug-of-war teams, 600 pounds; running high kick; pole vault; running high jump; one-mile walk (handicap); one-mile run (handicap), and others. Entries may be made before Jan. 31 to H. G. Pratt, Secretary M. I. T. A. C.

The first winter meeting of the M. I. T. Athletic Club will be held in the gymnasium, probably on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17. The games will include those usually given at the winter meetings, and the managers hope to add contests in sparring and wrestling. A meeting of the executive committee will shortly be called to arrange the preliminaries, and the results will be posted on the bulletin boards. It is to be hoped that a considerable amount of interest will be shown in the first meeting of the year, and that it may be made as successful as those of the winter and spring of last year.

The Yales are already arranging base-ball games with professional clubs, preparatory to the inter-collegiate struggle.

The prospects of a good nine at Harvard next season are very encouraging. Allen, '86, formerly of the Beacons, has returned, and will probably alternate with Crocker in the catcher's position.

At the recent meeting of the Yale graduate supervisory committee, it was decided to appoint no committee to confer with Harvard concerning the differences about the arrangements of the annual eight-oared race until Yale's challenge should be accepted.

Noticeable Articles.

Fortnightly, December. — "The Liberal Party in Germany," by Baron George von Bunsen. The writer is the son of the distinguished Chevalier Bunsen, the friend of Niebuhr and Arnold, who was for so many years Prussian Minister at the Court of St. James. A writer in the Pall Mall Gazette complains bitterly that it is only a united attempt at palliating some of the ugliest elements of the present Cesarism in Germany." However this may be, it is an interesting glimpse of the internal politics of the empire. "Workingmen and War," by Thomas Burt, M. P. Mr. Burt, one of the most respected members of the British Parliament, is neither Baron nor Chevalier, but a self-educated workman, who, not many years ago, was wielding a pick at the bottom of a British coal mine. This is a thoughtful paper on the political character and probable future action of the newly enfranchised English working-class. "A Lesson in Democracy," by J. A. Froude. A lecture written with Mr. Froude's accustomed vigor of style. These three papers deserve careful reading by all who are interested, or who want to be interested, in the study of modern politics.

Nineteenth Century, December. — "The Fallacy of Materialism." Students of physical science, who are not afraid of metaphysics, — if they are, they will never become good students of physical science, — had better read and ponder this article. It contains some odd misprints, —Hegel for Hegel, —and one which succeeds in entirely misrepresenting the opinion of an able writer. In the extract from Prof. Flint, the words, "the great sham of spiritualistic or idealistic thought," should be "the great wave."

The anonymous novel, "No New Thing," which has been running some time in the Cornhill, and has been copied thence into the Living Age, is a capital story written in capital English. From internal evidence, the present writer guesses it to be by Norris, author of "Heaps of Money" and "Matrimony," which are also good stories.

The Old Story. — Bridegroom's motto (very free translation). — Veni! vidi! vici!!! I've been! and gone!! and done it!!! — Detroit Free Press.