M——, who is taking a course in Topography at the Institute, has planted his forest, and is now engaged in reclaiming a tract of swamp land.

During the examination in Mechanics, the other day, quite an excitement reigned for a few moments following Mr. B——’s semi-annual sneeze.

The Seniors, who had been looking forward with extreme pleasure to an examination by Prof. Ordway, were sadly disappointed on Monday morning by the indefinite postponement of the same.

Doesn’t it seem strange that the members of a society like the Sigma Chi should each have a price list of whiskeys sent them? If we had heard this regarding the “Gazelles,” such surprise would not have been created.

One of the Senior Civils left a drawing of a river upon his desk one evening, and during the night some water on the roof took it for an actual river and flowed down into it. Perhaps our before-named Hydraulician of ’84 made the necessary river improvements the next day.

The fourth-year laboratory is once more at rest. About a week ago, while our A.A.’s doleful notes were resounding throughout the third and fourth year laboratories, the professor stepped in and remarked that the Mining Laboratory fiend was let loose. He said that he had heard the beast on several occasions, but had never happened to see it before.

We hear that one of the Faculty has the right idea regarding the amount of study that should be done by the students. He thinks that if we have got to “grind” ourselves to death, the lot for the new building should be used as a graveyard. As work on the foundation is now going on, we should judge the lot might be made to answer both purposes for no short period of time.


THE holiday vacations, which most of our sister colleges have enjoyed and we have envied, have caused the usual bulky pile of exchanges upon our table to assume quite slim proportions. From the University Magazine we learn that during the holidays the Intercollegiate Press Association took on an organized existence. Twenty-seven delegates, representing fourteen papers and ten colleges, met in one of the halls of Columbia College to decide upon a constitution and otherwise effect the organization. As finally signed by nine of the fourteen papers present, the constitution provides for a board of reference, which shall only admit to the association papers which have in the judgment of the board reached a certain degree of excellence. The editorial board of each paper in the association is to contain a corresponding secretary to supply the other papers represented with information regarding his own college. The initiation fee is $10, annual dues, $5. The papers whose delegates signed the constitution are Acta Columbiana, Athenaeum, Argonaut, Chronicle, Amherst Student, Brunonian, Argo, University Magazine, and Harvard Herald.

Considerable time was devoted to the discussion of the aim and improvement of college journalism, and according to the Magazine many valuable results were reached. It is to be hoped that these results may soon be published, that we may elevate ourselves, for, alas! the college papers are “all down but nine.”

The annual report of the president of Harvard University has been presented to the board of overseers, and is published in condensed form in the Harvard Herald. The