'86 has elected Mr. Winsor and Mr. Shove members of the gymnasium committee.

'86 has just initiated two new members, — Mr. F. W. Putnam and Mr. C. Wood, both '86.

The electrical engineers expect to be at work in the new laboratories soon after Thanksgiving.

The afternoon recitations are now to commence at a quarter past two, on account of the change of time.

The junior division in English do not use the new two-cent stamp; that is by no means loud enough for them.

Mr. J. W. Hatch, formerly of '86, visited the Institute the other day. His health is considerably improved since last year.

An '85 miner announced in class the other day that according to Fresenius a certain precipitate was to be carefully washed with dilute water.

The senior mechanicals and a few others, accompanied by Prof. Lanza, visited the government testing machine, at Watertown, week before last.

Mr. J. E. Ryan has arrived in town from the Black Hills. After attending to some business matters here he will sail for Europe on a short business trip.

The even temperature in the new building was very enjoyable while the cold weather lasted; but many are the complaints of the heat on these warm days.

Lectures in decoration and in Greek and Roman architectural history are to begin after the ground is frozen. It is expected that it will be cold enough by that time.

Astonishing urbanity. Professor (thinking the question superfluous, but wishing to make sure). Who in the class knows a white pine tree when he sees it? (A single hand is raised.) Professor. What is the difference between a white pine and a hard pine? Student (who raised his hand before). Don't know. Never saw a hard pine.

A third-year chemist was seen the other day patiently filtering his distilled water,—not so senseless an operation as might at first sight appear, since the water furnished by the old apparatus has been quite turbid lately. Prof. Wing, however, is drawing plans for a new piece of apparatus, which will probably be placed in the Kidder laboratory.

Mr. W. H. Osgood, '85, earned a banjo very neatly a short time ago. Messrs. Fairbanks & Cole had at the Institute Fair a case of twenty-two banjos, each finely inlaid with mother-of-pearl. A prize was offered to the one who could guess nearest the number of pieces. Mr. Osgood guessed 4,847,—the exact number,—and received a beautiful banjo as his prize.

It will seem a pity if the new building be finally devoted exclusively to work, without first having some sort of enjoyable dedication. It is to be hoped that something will be done in order that this opportunity may not be lost. If a few interested members of the Institute would take hold and get up a dance or something of the sort, no doubt they would receive the support of a majority of the students. The architects' room would make a delightful dancing hall,—large, airy, easy of access, and, after the removal of the desks, with an open floor.

The contract for the '84 class photographs has been given to Messrs. Ritz & Hastings, whose work for '83 gave great satisfaction. The following are the very low rates offered to the class: One dozen cabinets, $4.00; second dozen, $3.00; subsequent dozen, $2.50. One dozen cards, $2.50; subsequent dozens, $1.50. Three dozen cabinets ordered at same time, $8.90. Sittings will be given between the first of January and the first of April, in order that the pictures may be in the hands of the class as soon as possible.

On Thursday last the captain of the Harvard foot-ball team received a communication from the athletic committee of the faculty forbidding the eleven to play any intercollegiate match games until substantial changes have been made in the official rules of the Intercollegiate Association. The action of the committee was the result of their belief that the games under these rules have begun to degenerate from a manly, if rough, sport into brutal and dangerous contests. The decision has taken the Harvard students completely by surprise.