ATHLETIC NOTES.

The first winter meeting of the Athletic Club was held in the gymnasium, Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock. Owing to the absence of many of the students from the city, the attendance was far below the average. Those, however, who were present, passed a very pleasant afternoon. '86 and '87 deserve great praise for their efforts to make the meeting a success, as, with the exception of the '85 class team, all the entries were from the two lower classes.

The first event was the standing high jump. F. H. Young, '86, and A. H. Twombly, '87, were the only contestants. Young won easily with a record of 4 feet 9\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. Two teams from '86 then pulled to see which should enter in the class tugs. Winsor's team won by three inches. The teams were as follows: '86 A, P. Winsor, anchor, A. S. Garfield, A. G. Robbins, J. W. Smith. '86 B, C. C. Peirce, anchor, P. R. Fletcher, G. A. Ricker, T. F. Cutter.

J. F. Kilburn, '87, W. L. Dearborn, '87, H. F. Hill, '87, A. H. Twombly, '87, H. M. Steele, '86, entered for the fence vault. The vaulting was very good and presented an encouraging outlook for future meetings. Twombly won, with a record of 6 feet 9\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches, Dearborn second, 6 feet 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. In the light-weight sparring, J. F. Kilburn, '87, and G. Kirkham, '87, appeared. Kilburn was awarded the medal, after a very exciting contest.

The first heat in class tugs of war was between '85 and '87. The drop was very even, and the two teams were very nearly matched, so that '85 only won by 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. '85, E. Worthington, anchor, W. L. Mahon, Charles F. Spring, E. Morse. '87, A. H. Twombly, anchor, S. W. Bowles, Jr., J. E. Krips, F. F. Carpenter, for the putting the shot, F. H. Young, '86, P. R. Fletcher, '86, P. Winsor, '86, W. L. Dearborn, '87, and A. H. Twombly, '87, were entered. Young easily won by putting the shot 33 feet 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches, Fletcher second, 28 feet 11 inches.

In the middle-weight sparring C. C. Peirce, '86, and S. W. Bowles, Jr., contested. Peirce was given the prize, after two rounds. Peirce was much the better man, and his clever dodging was worthy of all praise, but we are sorry that he was not content with simple boxing, but tried to disconcert his opponent by measures which, to say the least, were not such as would have been expected at the Institute games. In the final heat of the tugs of war, between '85 and '86, the drop was almost even, but Winsor, by two heaves, placed 6 inches to credit of '86, thus winning the event, with '85 second.

The officers of the day were — clerk of course, H. Furlong Baldwin, '84; referee, Frank H. Briggs, '81; judges, Walter H. Bunce, '84, Frank M. Haines, '84; judges of sparring, F. E. Sands, '85, J. M. Smith, '86; stewards, D. Baker, '85, E. Morss, '85, P. Winsor, '86, A. H. Twombly, '87. The music, which aided greatly in enlivening the waits, was furnished by Baldwin's Cadet Band. The next games occurring, probably, in about six weeks, will undoubtedly be better attended, and, we trust, will have several entries from '84 and '85.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

HARVARD. — The question of allowing students to choose between Greek and the modern languages is approaching a decision. President Eliot, Prof. Agassiz, and of course Chas. Francis Adams, Jr, favor the reform. It is said that the Faculty are so much pleased with the elective system, that it will shortly be extended to the studies of the Freshman class, and perhaps even to the entrance examinations. — The receipts of the base-ball club of last season were about $4,600. — Moot courts, which formerly flourished in the Law School, have been revived. — It is reported that the latest amusement at Harvard is cock-fighting. — Prof. Sophocles, the Greek professor, died a few days ago. — The Historical Society has undertaken the subject of the “Civil War” for the coming year, giving its attention chiefly to the ten most important battles of the late war. — Notwithstanding what Lord Coleridge said at Yale, a petition is being circulated to make Greek optional.