The crew of the University of Pennsylvania has issued a sweeping challenge to the boat clubs of other colleges, and proposes to claim the championship if a match is not made within sixty days. As Pennsylvania did not show much ability in their races last summer, it is probable that the challenge will be disregarded by Harvard and Yale. The self-praise and conceit of the Pennsylvania club has called forth severe comment from the various sporting papers. — Dartmouth has received an unconditional bequest of $50,000. — Our Western exchanges are still alive with the subject of Matthew Arnold. — Prof. Williams, of Brown, is engaged upon a new translation of the Nibelungenlied. — The Brunonian defends the use of “horses” in translating the classics on the ground that after a knowledge of the grammar of a language has been obtained, the object is to acquire a familiarity with the literature, and that this can best be done with the aid of a good translation. — Oxford caps have nearly disappeared from Columbia. — Representatives from Lafayette, Rutgers, and the Stevens Institute of Technology are to meet on Feb. 9, for the purpose of forming a base and foot ball league. The University of Pennsylvania and Wesleyan University will be included in the league.

The attendance of some of the leading colleges of the country for the current year is as follows: —

Columbia, 1,520; Harvard, 1,522; Michigan, 1,524; Yale, 1,092; Mass. Inst. of Technology, 561; Princeton, 527; Cornell, 457.

A study of the catalogue will show the popularity of the engineering courses at the Institute. Sixty-six per cent of the fourth-year class, eighty of the third, and eighty-five of the second are studying the various branches of engineering.

History has been added to the requirements for admission to the School of Industrial Science. Applicants for admission must be prepared on Mackenzie’s “Nineteenth Century,” a book used by last year’s Freshman class.