Mr. H. A. Hill, of Hill, Clarke & Co., a gentleman who has had a great deal of experience in steam engineering, spoke to the Senior Mechanicals Thursday morning about Steam Engine Indicators, and will probably address the class again after Christmas.

Mr. Woodbridge took the Architectural Class in Heating and Ventilation to see the Chauncey Hall School House last week, where the principal very kindly showed them over the building and explained the apparatus.

The second-year architects have been working up the six-column problem this month, and there is even greater diversity in the designs this year than usual. The possibilities of the problem are evidently not yet exhausted.

The first of the fourth-year boiler tests took place on Wednesday and Friday of this week, from 5.30 A. M. to 5.30 P. M. It is intended to have several more tests next term, when the effect of different kinds of coal and different kinds of firing will be determined.

At the recent Health Exhibition at London, several thermometers were exhibited, put to uses to which the instrument had never before been applied. One was adjusted with electric apparatus so that a bell could be rung, when the temperature rises or falls beyond any desired point. The famous instrument makers, Negretti and Zambra, exhibited a dry and wet bulb thermometer, which would ring a bell at any required temperature. Thermometers devised to indicate fires have been in use for some time.

The New York elevated railways are considering the advisability of supplanting steam locomotives with electric motors. A committee has been chosen to ascertain the comparative merits of five different motors,—the companies owning them to unite in a single company, utilizing the best features of each motor. The committee consists of Prof. Sir William Thomson, of Glasgow; Geo. B. Roberts, president P. R. R.; James H. Rutter, president N. Y. C. R. R.; Robert Harris, president N. P. R. R.; and Prof. Charles R. Cross, of the Institute.

Merry Christmas!
Go to the Athletic games to-day.
Our Christmas carol — Papyrographs have gone.
Mr. F. B. Richards, '83, is acting as assistant in the Freshman chemical laboratory.
C. L. Burlingham and E. J. Wilson, both of '86, have been initiated into the 2 G Society.
Two Juniors have been suspended from the analytical laboratory, and a number of Sophomores and Juniors have been warned.
A Freshman in the chemical laboratory asked an assistant where the powdered anatomy was kept? Powdered antimony, he meant.
The Junior Class has elected Borden and Stebbins members of the Gymnasium Committee. W. L. Dearborn and J. G. Ray represent the Freshmen.
The record of the Foot-Ball Eleven during the past season was as follows:— Harvard, 43; M. I. T., o. Tufts, 4; M. I. T., 6. Williams, 10; M. I. T., o. Harvard, 42; M. I. T., o. Tufts, 29; M. I. T., o.
The action of certain members of the Junior Class in leaving the room and breaking the quorum at a recent class meeting, because some things voted did not suit them, was childish, at least, not to say ungentlemanly.
It is rumored that the Miners and Chemists of '86 are to petition the Faculty to have the laboratory open on Sundays from 6 A. M. to 9.30 P. M., with the exception of an hour for prayers at eleven o'clock. In this way they expect to satisfy the authorities, and at the same time improve on the old method of climbing in on the fire-escape.